

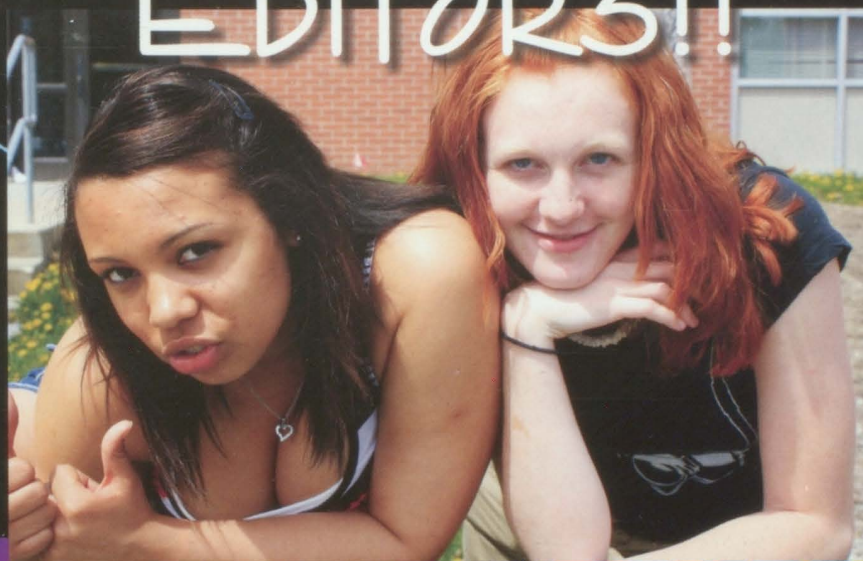
Advance to Go...Collect

2011





EDITORS!!



**Kelsey
Jespersen**

**Sierra
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The reason I started yearbook was because a friend was going to take the class so I was like why not, I will take it too. On the first day of school of my sophomore year, my friend wasn't in the class. I was so scared because I didn't know anyone. It was hard at first because I didn't take journalism but then it became really fun once I got to know everybody and learned how it all works. Now I'm editor with Sierra and it's been a blast! It's stressful and crazy but it's worth it in the end. The staff has done so well this year. I'm proud of them.

I got put in yearbook my freshman year and I hated it! I didn't know anybody and I felt really awkward and would kind of put myself to the side away from everybody else. After awhile I started to get use to everybody and I found out that I loved my job. I loved writing stories and designing pages and would always look up to the editors. So that's when I decided that I was going to go for it. Being an editor is really fun and I see myself as a leader. I love the staff I work with and I appreciate their hard work. I look forward to being an editor next year.

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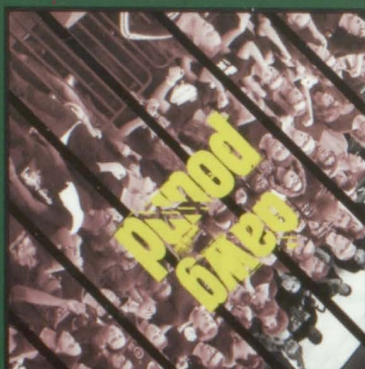
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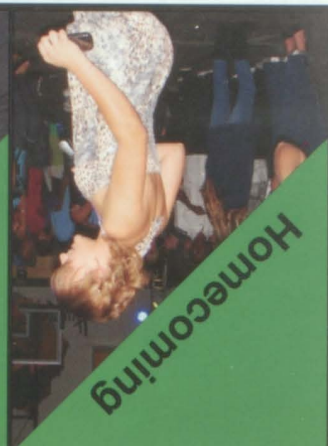
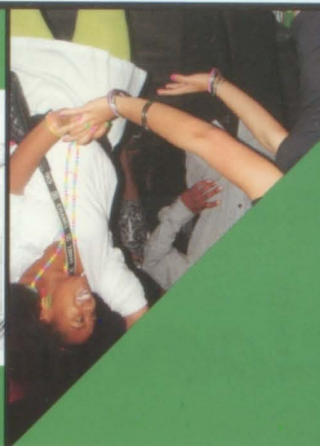
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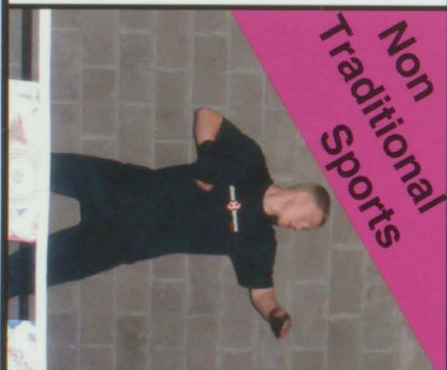


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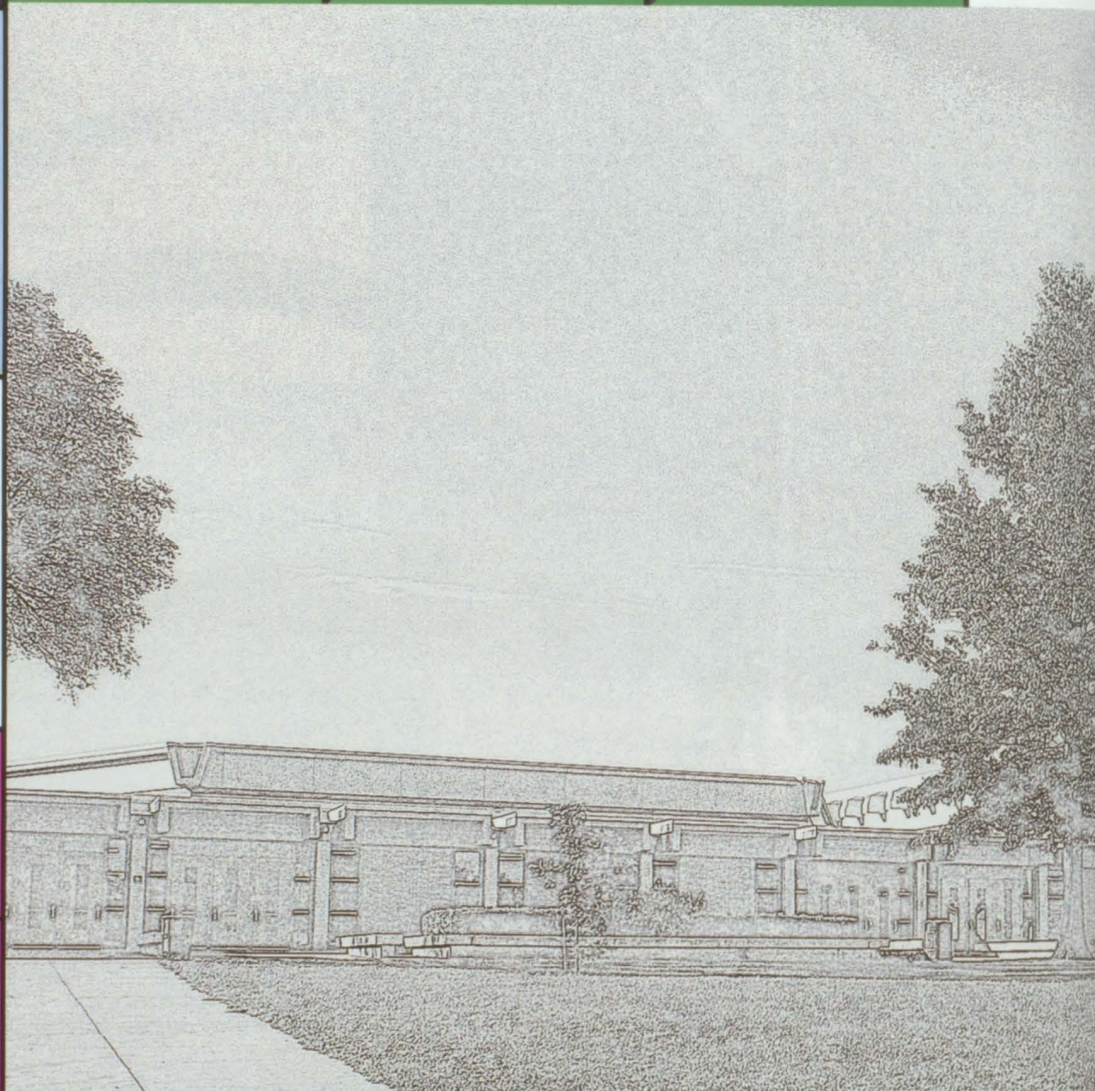


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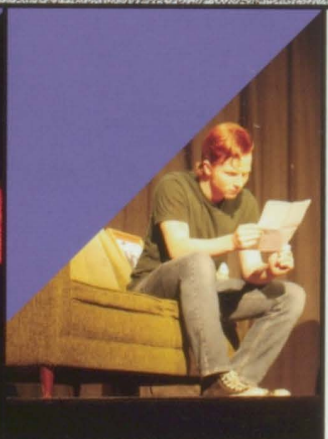
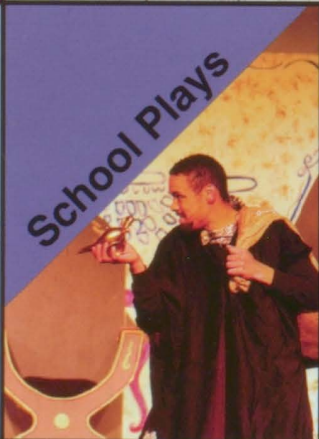
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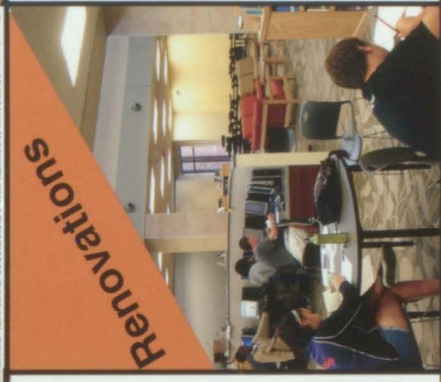
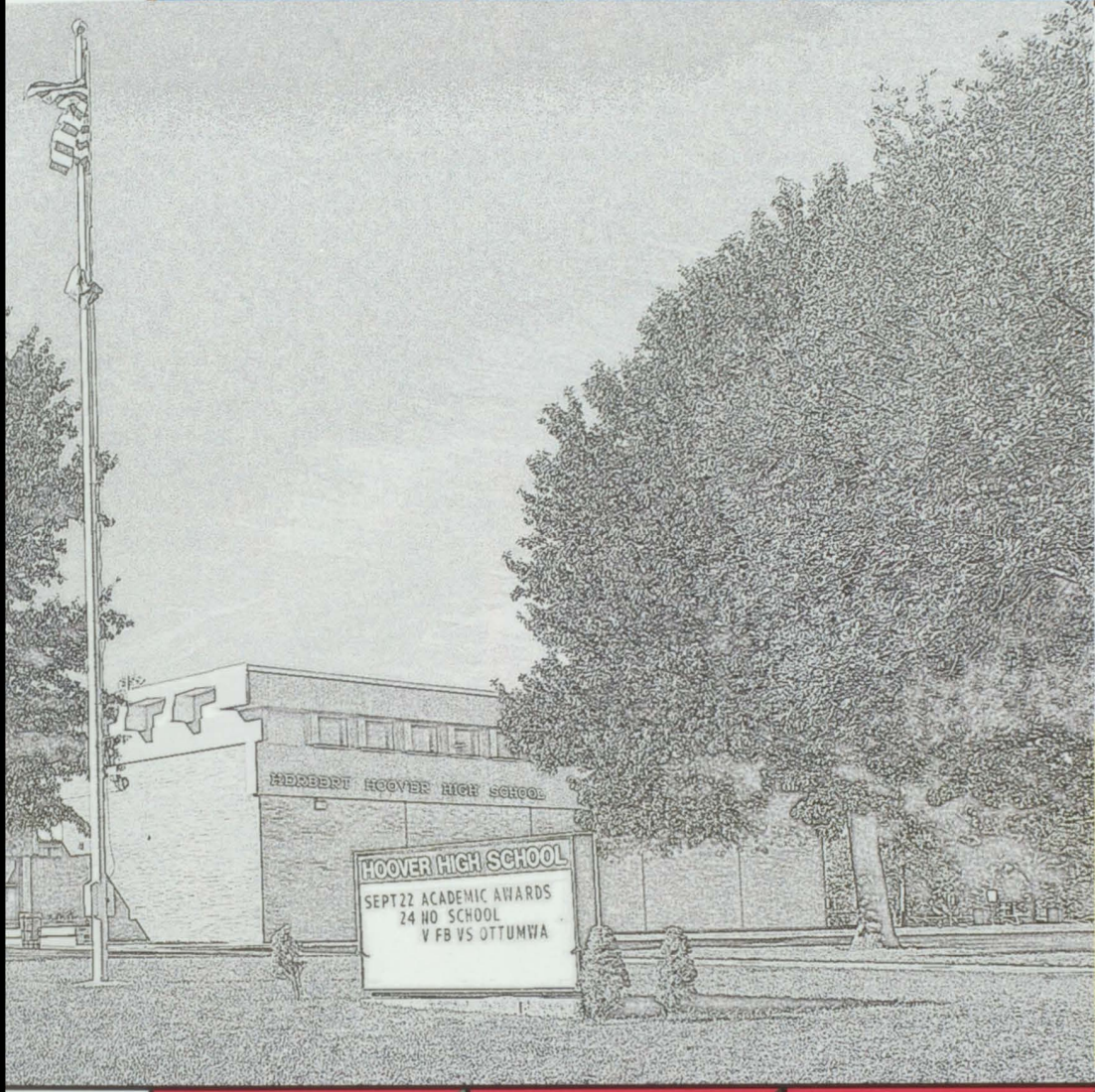
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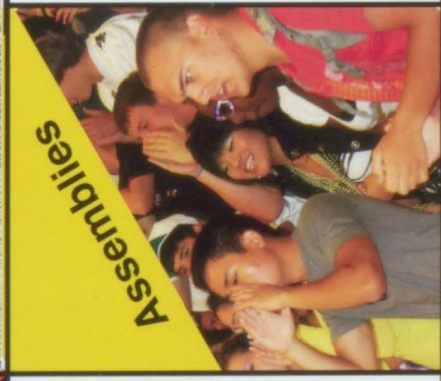
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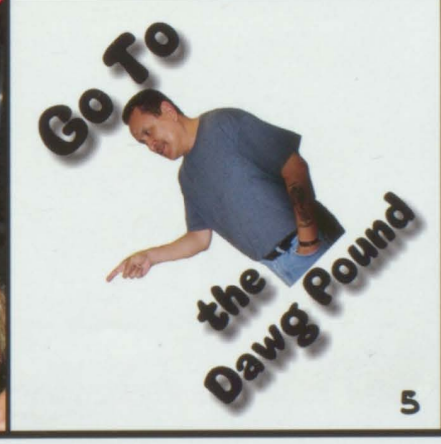
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Winter Formal



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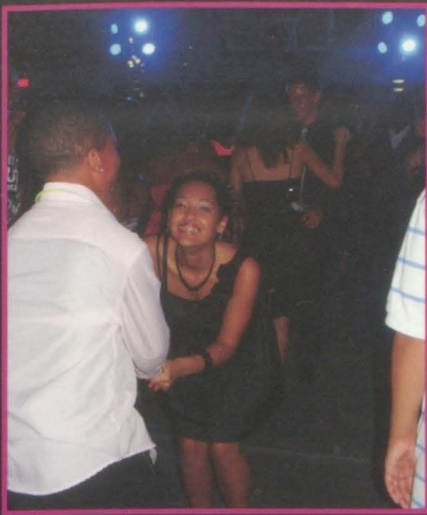


Senior Austin Damm, (top) juniors Britta Delafield, Jorin Augustine, Emily Puckett, Jenna Wilson, senior AJ Hawxby, junior McKenna Brown, seniors Hannah Bixby, Emily Young, and Ashley Johnson make a train.



Junior Bakr Brown, senior Kourtlin Jackson, junior Dwight Sistrunk and senior Kelly Madison (left) pose for the camera. Junior Katie Steingrabe and senior Lester Mwirchia (right) get their groove on.





Freshmen Jasmine Carter and junior Osha Whitaker (above left) have fun while dancing. Seniors Kalesha Torres and Cedric Danilson (above right) slow dance to *All My Life*.



Roosevelt senior Gabrielle Riley and senior Bralen Berry (above left) dance while talking to friends. Senior Jordan Hoskins and sophomores Jaynah Wright and Rena Knutson (above right) dance to the *Cupid Shuffle*.



Sophomore Natalie Clark, junior Jessica Schwarz and sophomore Erin Dungan (left) watch people sing karaoke.

80's OR JERSEY SHORE

Why did you choose the 80's theme?

"I choose the 80's theme because I knew it would be fun and I think more people should have gone through with it."

-senior Ashley Johnson

"I think the clothes are cute and the 80's was a memorable time."

-sophomore Rachel McPherson

Why did you choose the Jersey Shore theme?

"I thought the 80's theme was lame. Jersey Shore is more up-to-date and modern."

-senior Kalesha Torres

What was the reason for the second thought to change the theme?

"80's was not a bad idea but we wanted to do something fun, as in *Jersey Shore*."

-senior Lester Mwirchia

"We choose *Jersey Shore* because everyone watches it and most people like the show."

-senior Lester Mwirchia

"I thought *Jersey Shore* would be a good idea because the 80's theme we have done in the past. I understand we were not here during that time but we should get a theme that we could call our own."

-sophomore Trang Nguyen said.

Did the 80's theme make the dance fun?

"Yes I thought it was fun and I loved the lights but the DJ should have played more 80's music to fit the theme."

-sophomore Rachel McPherson

Why did you decide to do neither of the themes?

"I thought the 80's was cute and I didn't know about the Jersey Shore idea but I did my own thing."

-freshman Jasmine Carter

Austin Damm

SPIRIT WEEK!

homecoming attendants talk about spirit

Ben Markey

Jonathon Kline

Fadi Angalo

AJ Hawxby

Jocelyn Merino

Hannah Bixby

Daeneen Green

Nancy Wakhungu

Alyse Messa

"Spirit is expressing how you like your school, and supporting it in any way," senior Nancy Wakhungu said.

Wakhungu was on Homecoming court and participated in soccer. She, like many other students, was excited to participate in Spirit Week.

"I think a lot of people look forward to Homecoming because they can come together as friends, get to know each other better, and have fun," she said.

Senior AJ Hawxby was also on Homecoming court. He always looked forward to

Spirit Week.

"It makes the week go by faster," Hawxby said.

Senior Austin Damm was voted Homecoming king. Damm enjoyed showing his school spirit.

"People say I do (have spirit); I'll admit I get a little into pep assemblies and sporting events," Damm said.

The days for Spirit Week were Nerd Day, Class Day, "-er" Day, Jersey Day and Spirit Day. For class day, the freshmen had Twin Day, the sophomores had Mix/Match Day, the juniors had Rock Star Day, and the seniors had Toga Day.

"My favorite is Spirit Day," Damm said.

"-er' Day is my favorite because I get to be whatever I want," Hawxby said.

Some people don't think Spirit Week really promotes school spirit, but a lot of others find that it brings the school together.

"It makes us come together as a school and express what we like about it and we support our school," Wakhungu said.

Although there are many different definitions of spirit, Damm has his own definition for it.

"(Spirit is) showing your Husky Pride," Damm said.

MONDAY!

Senior Nathan Brown and junior Brooke Mericle get their geek on for Nerd day.

TUESDAY!

Junior Bao Nguyen carried around a rock and a star for rock star day.

WEDNESDAY!

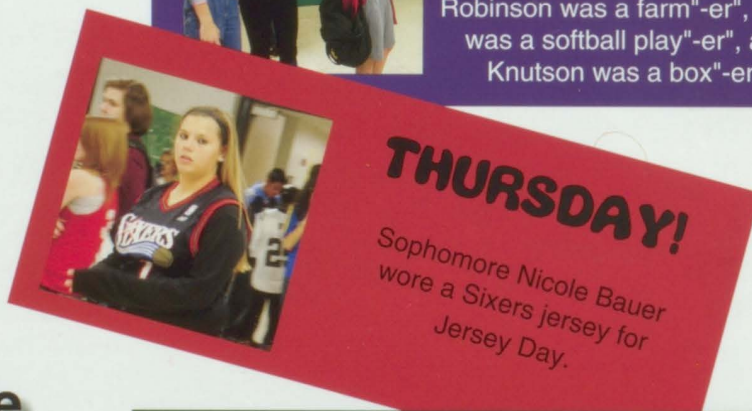
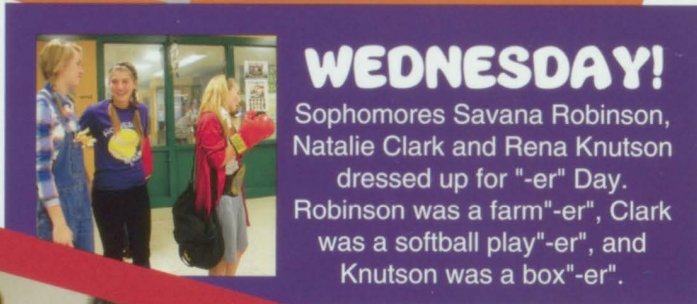
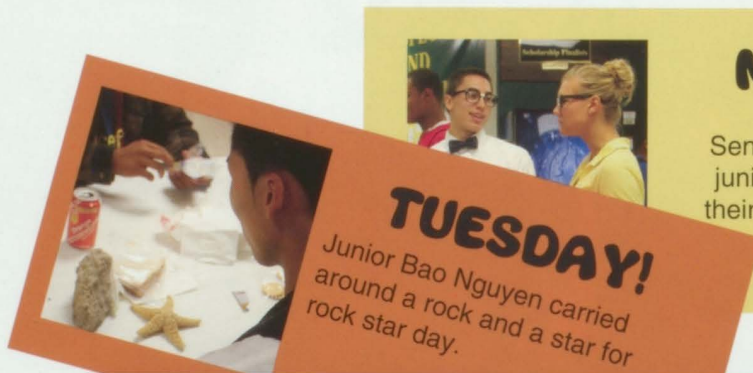
Sophomores Savana Robinson, Natalie Clark and Rena Knutson dressed up for "-er" Day. Robinson was a farm"-er", Clark was a softball play"-er", and Knutson was a box"-er".

THURSDAY!

Sophomore Nicole Bauer wore a Sixers jersey for Jersey Day.

FRIDAY!

Junior Katelyn Jessen and sophomore Donell Crawford went all out for Spirit Day.



GOT SPIRIT?

Screaming, yelling, and cheering. A rush of excitement flowing through your body as you cheer for your class. The whole gymnasium is filled with energy.

"I love cheering with my classmates and booing underclass men because they don't know how its really done...but I do think more games should be added, and that they should be longer!" said senior Lester Mwirichia

One thing that a lot of students like is the fact that they get out of class for a while and they get to be with their friends. Pep rallies are fun for a lot of people. They give recognition to students who participate in sports, school plays, band, etc. The whole school gets together and has fun. They include various games and competitions. Most students who participate have fun but then there are kids who don't.

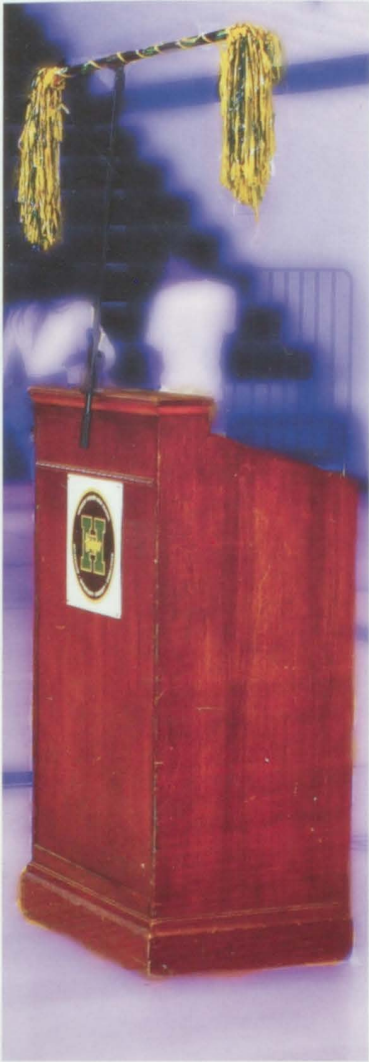
"All I get out of pep rallies is a headache," said senior Ana De La Cruz.

There's one competition that gives the students the chance to scream as loud as they can...The Spirit Stick! The four classes take turns to scream out "V-I-C-T-O-R-Y." Classes get two chances to prove they're the loudest and have the most spirit. A group of judges (often teachers) deliberate and make a decision on who they think is the loudest and who

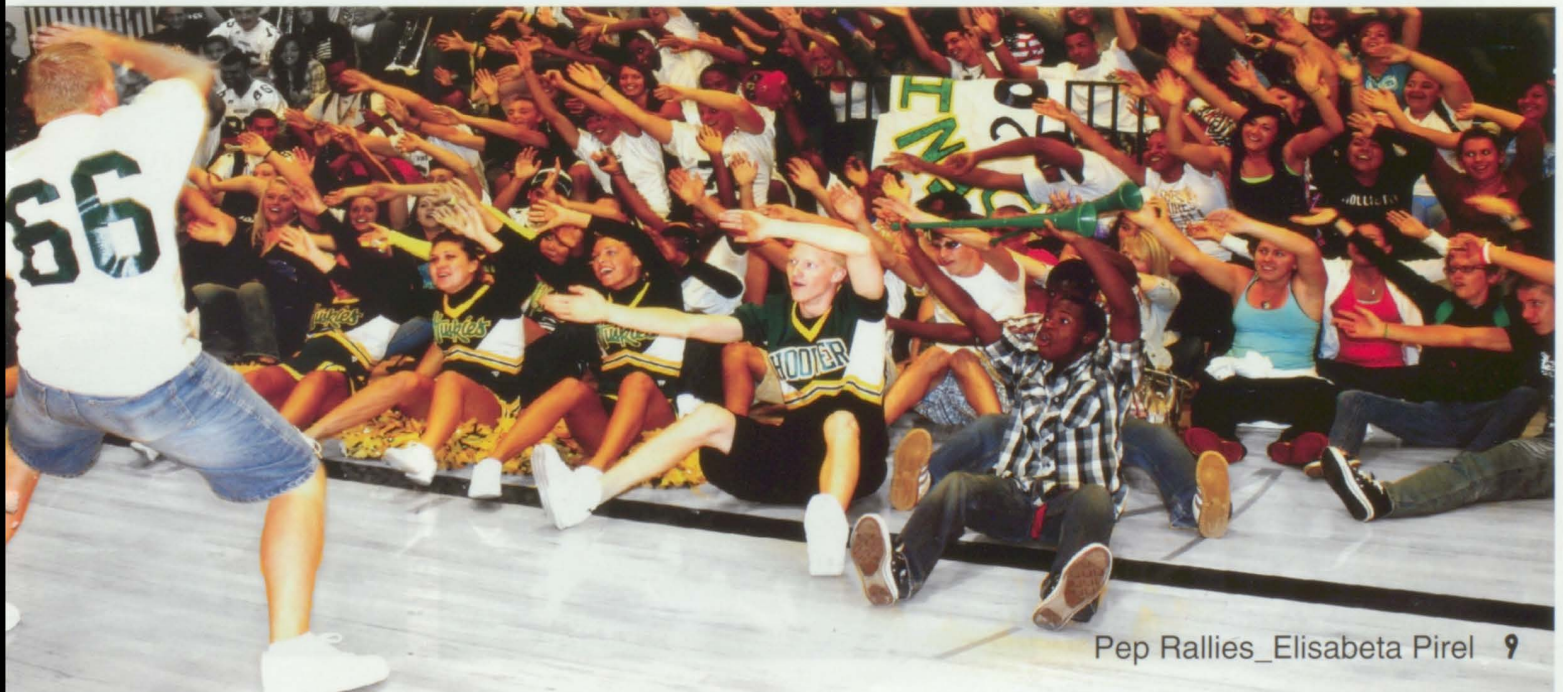
deserves the spirit stick.

Pep rallies and the spirit stick get students pumped and excited for upcoming games and events

"I think that the spirit stick gets taken too seriously by some people. Some people get mad if they don't win!" De La Cruz said.



The band (above) performs at the beginning of a pep rally. Senior Austin Damm (below) leads the students on another "rollercoaster" ride.



Juniors and seniors get competitive during the Powder Puff game. Seniors won 6-0.



Senior Grace Phillips (above) practices her "million-dollar" throw. Senior Powder Puff cheerleaders (right) make a pyramid to cheer on the seniors.



Seniors (above) run a play during practice. Juniors (below) hang out before the game.



WHEN LIFE THROWS YOU A FOOTBALL, JOIN POWDER PUFF!



Powder Puff is a yearly "Spirit Week" activity. This year senior and junior players really had their heads in the game. Powder Puff was the talk of not only the juniors and seniors, but the freshmen and sophomores too. Many sophomores look forward to their junior year to play the Powder Puff game.

"Man, I can't wait until next year. I really want to play Powder Puff and play wide receiver!" sophomore Shaliyah Ambrose said.

Junior Shyle Floyd thinks that sophomores shouldn't play Powder Puff until they are juniors.

"No, it's more of a 'when-you-get-older' thing, plus it's a privilege for upper classmen," Floyd said.

Though this sport isn't recognized as an "official" school sport, it seems like it to those who enjoy sports and having fun! Lots of girls enjoy this because it's the one of the only chances females get to show what they can do.

"I think that if it were open as a real sport that girls could play, there would be a lot of participants," senior DaeNeen Green said.

The guys also get to show their school spirit by dressing up and cheering on the female football team. This really pumps up the crowds in laughter when seeing the guys being cheerleaders.

Some boys found out that cheering isn't as easy as it seems. Senior Max Wissler said that it was very difficult learning how to properly lift another guy up in the air and then catching him when he comes down.

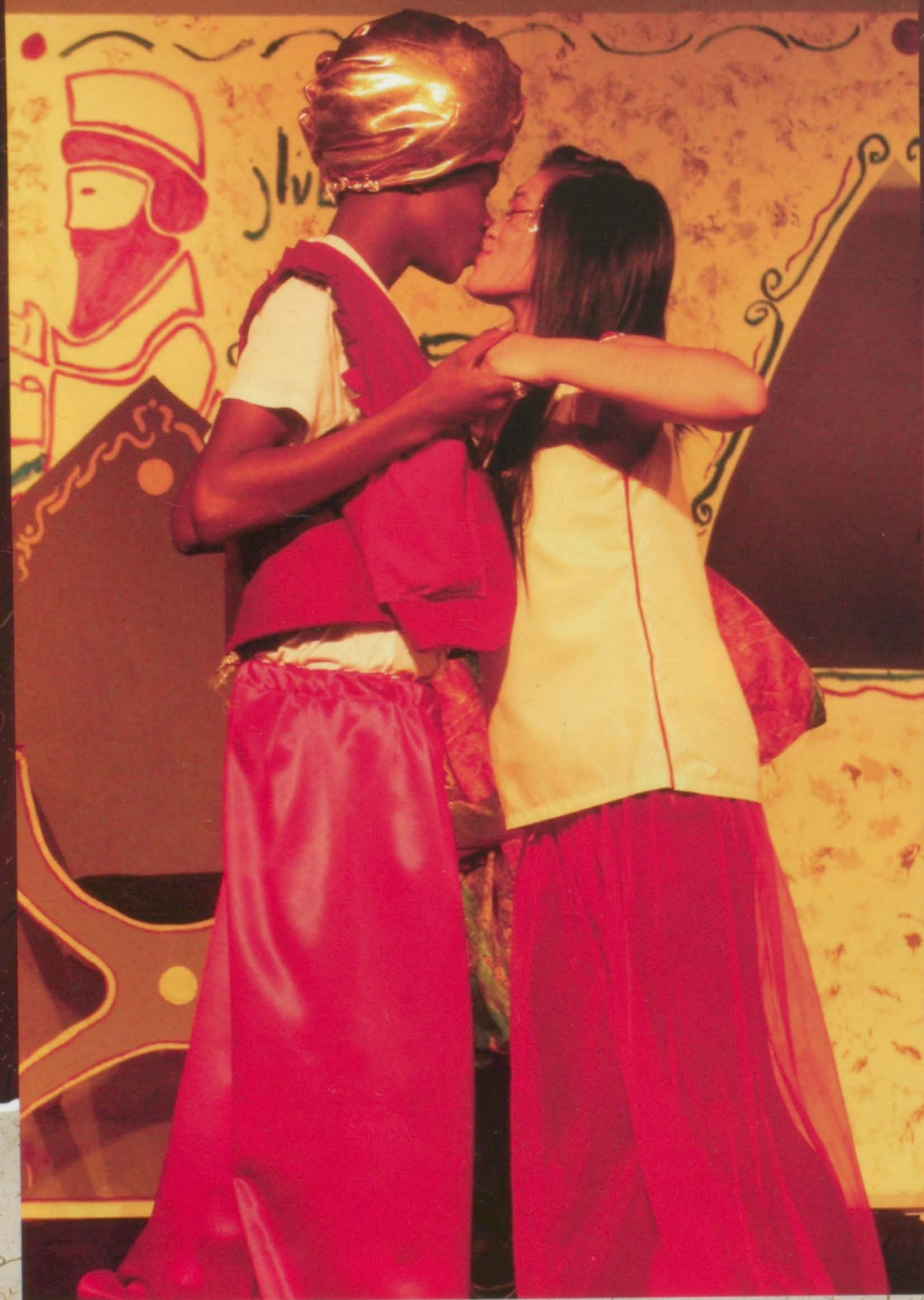
Overall this yearly game seems to be a huge hit for Homecoming week, and it pumps everyone up for the varsity Homecoming game played the next day with the boys football team.



Juniors Alexis Belts, Bakr Brown and Hyrum Torres (above) get their cheer on at the Powder Puff game. Seniors (right) wait for the juniors to get ready so they can start the game.

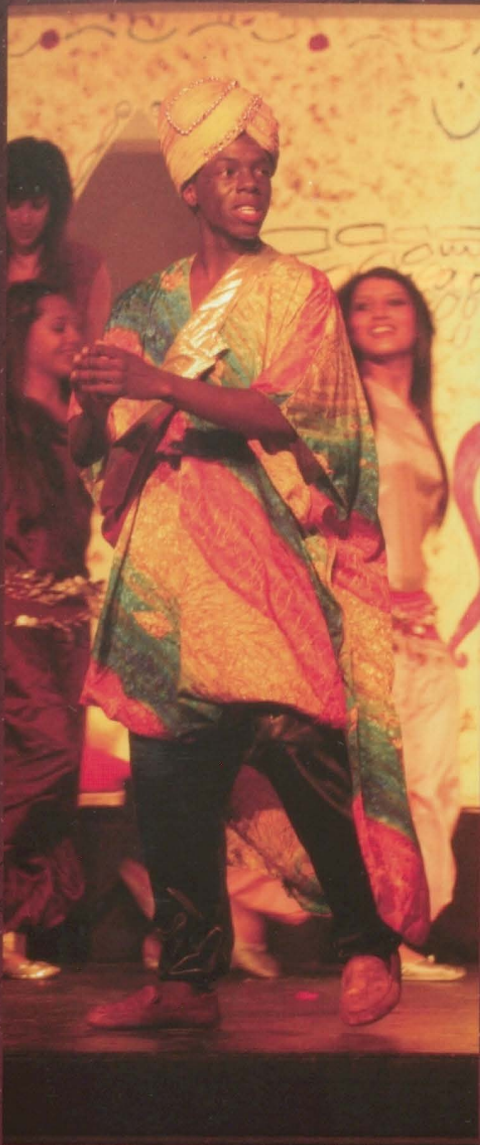


ALADDIN BRINGS MAGIC TO LIFE.

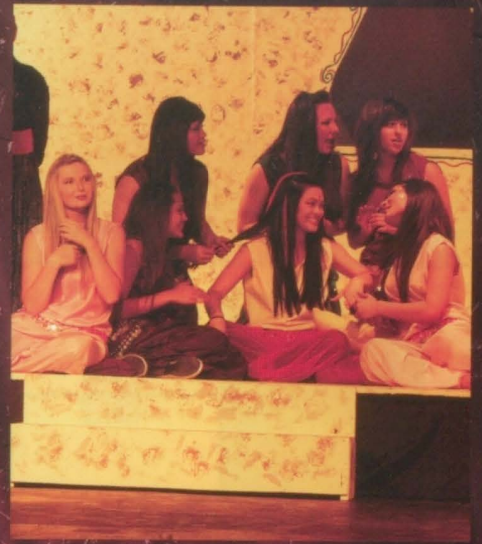


Sophomore Avery Jackson and junior Michelle Tran (left), who play Aladdin and The Princess, seal their scene with a kiss. Junior Logun Buckley (above) who was the genie of the lamp, makes his grand entrance. Fifth grader Drew Minnard (below) joins the cast playing Toodle-De-Toos.





Senior Lester Mwirichia (left), who played the Sultan, makes a speech to Aladdin and everyone. Juniors Khadeja Asghari, Katie Steingrabe, Renee Reichenbacher, senior Jolinn Trang Nguyen, freshmen Britta Roppe and Jasmine Carter (right), the princess' attendants gather around the Princess, junior Michelle Tran. The cast of *Aladdin* (below) take a group shot together at the end of the play!



Genies, belly dancing, falling in love; that's what the fall play was all about—*Aladdin*!

"(It) gives you a sense of family, a home away from home," junior Logun Buckley said. Buckley had been taking drama class for the first time, but had been in the plays since he moved here last year.

"This has been my first play. I love everything about it. Everyone is so nice. You get to meet so many people," junior Khadeja Asghari said. Asghari was the assistant choreographer and a belly dancer, while Buckley was a genie.

"I would really love to make a play about the show company, it's my favorite," Buckley said. Asghari would like to see a play done on *Beauty and the Beast*, or *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

"Hanging out with everyone and our practices are amazing. It brings a lot of opportunities to people to show their talents as an

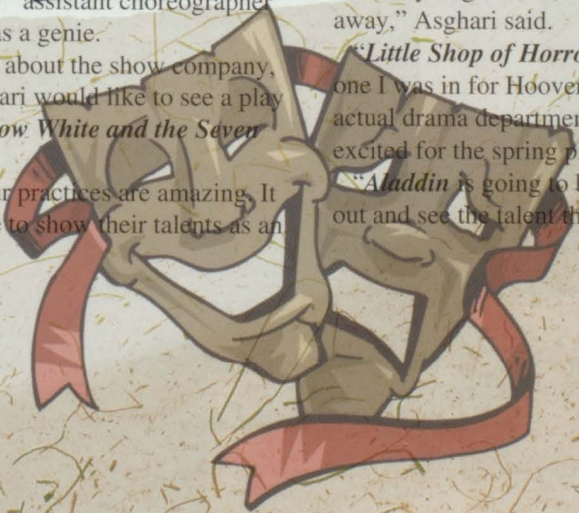
individual person," Asghari said.

Last year, drama teacher Chelsea Cunningham's job was almost eliminated due to severe district budget cuts. But with a little help from the students, they were able to bring her back. Both Buckley and Asghari agreed that drama wouldn't be the same without her and are happy to have her back.

"Drama makes you blend in a lot. Your skill—that you have are shown, you get a comfortable feeling and it take your shyness away," Asghari said.

"*Little Shop of Horrors* was my favorite play. It was the first one I was in for Hoover, and it was different. Hoover has an actual drama department which I like," Buckley said. Buckley is excited for the spring play called *The Outsiders*.

"*Aladdin* is going to be the best show ever. You need to come out and see the talent that the cast has!" Asghari said.



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"Because my daughter and I loved it. We still talk about it!"

-S.I.L. Teri Moritz

"**Laughing Matters** is an enjoyable and comedic play that really highlights the talents and expressions of hoover students"

-Senior Alyssa Ivankovich



Freshman Britta Roppe and sophomore Julia Henry act like they are reading the newspaper while trying to play secret detectives.



Drama teacher Chelsea Haaland decided to take a turn on the winter play and let Gear Up sponsor Billy Kirby take charge.

Kirby is involved with Gear Up, Drama, Speech, Debate and Mock Trial. Over the summer Kirby and Mime and Improv coach Melissa Chavas decided to do the winter play on miming and improvisation called **Laughing Matters**.

"We choose to do a Mime and Improv play because it gives a variety and do something different," Kirby said. Mime and improv are the two basic ingredients of acting and creating an imaginary world with no words or props.

"**Laughing Matters** will be a very funny show and the audience will get to interact on what is going on stage," Kirby said.

The cast of **Laughing Matters** started practicing the beginning of November. They practiced Monday through Friday for two hours and fifteen minutes. To rehearse for the play, instead of reading from a script they played games that helped them prepare to get on stage and come up with ideas on the spot. Some of the games they played were First Line Last Line, Forward and Reverse, What Are You Doing, and Shopping Network. They also played these games on stage during the play.

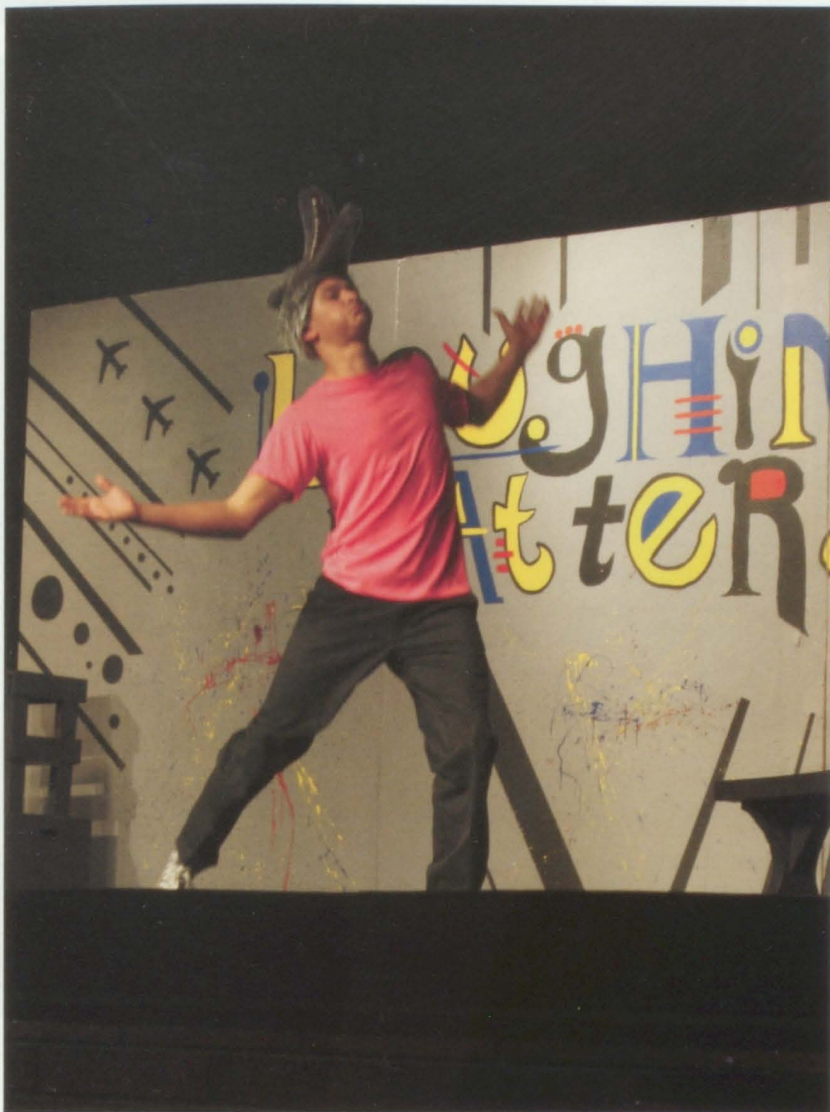
"Forward and Reverse was one of my favorite games," freshman Sydney Allen said. "It was my favorite game because I couldn't control what I was going to do, only what I was going to say."

"**Laughing Matters** gets you out of the box. You get to open yourself to the crowd. I also think the Mime and Improv was not a bad idea because the crowd was constantly laughing," senior Denise Coward said.



The cast of **Laughing Matters** lines up for the beginning.

Matters



Senior Jordan Hoskins (left) plays the big bad wolf blowing down the three little pigs' house during an improv skit.

Sophomore Hannah McCoy (below) walks her imaginary dog.



Junior Aleks Vujicic (left) playing a "pimp" Santa Claus.

Senior Denise Coward (left) holds a sign introducing the next skit Malpractice.

\$12 TICKETS \$12 TICKETS

RAISE IN TICKET PRICES MAKE STUDENTS QUESTION
WHETHER WINTER FORMAL IS WORTH IT

Winter Formal is something we have every year. It is put on by Student Council (STUCO) and is a fundraiser for them.

STUCO decides everything including the colors, the theme, the decorations, the DJ and other entertainment, the venue and the photographer. They also decide the ticket prices. This year they are up to \$12.

"We're being really budget conscious," STUCO advisor Kirk Stevens said.

Stevens said the venue costs around \$2000 for the night and that the DJ costs about \$700.

Junior Connor Cunningham is a STUCO representative. There are two representatives from each grade, not including the officers. Representatives are voted on by their classmates and they participate in making STUCO decisions.

"I honestly don't think (the price) will affect the turn out too much. 12 is just before the teens; it's a psychological thing. When

you hear the word teen you think of a higher number," Cunningham said.

Sophomore Marquise Gwenigale is also a representative.

"I think it depends on the person. If money is an issue for them then they probably aren't going to go, but if it's not and they like the dances they'll probably go," Gwenigale said.

Some people talked about not attending the dance because of the price hike, but not everyone.

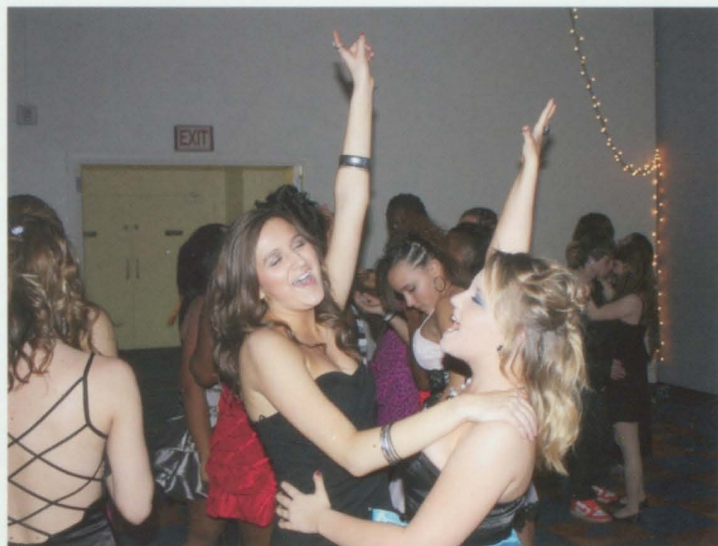
"It's talked about a lot. I'm guessing because of prices, but if we can make money from dances there are other things STUCO can do," said Stevens.

STUCO decides everything on a majority rules basis. They thought that if the turn out was good this year that they will not need to continue to raise the prices and would hopefully make money on the dance, as oppose to losing it like they have in the past.



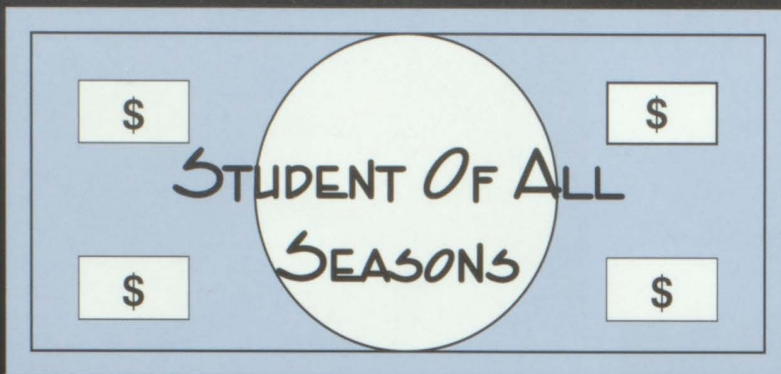


Freshmen Austin Nelsen, and Molly Hawks (left) do the "Cha-Cha Slide". Juniors Jose Mendez, Katelyn Jessen, Katie Dow and McKenna Brown (below) dance together at Winter Formal.



Sophomores Thomas Garcia and Max Lindstrom (top) do the "Cha-Cha Slide" and have a good time at the dance. Sophomores Emina Kovacevic and Taylor Sullivan (above) sing and dance together. Sophomores Anthony Kellogg, Kayla Gray, Brianne Kellogg, and Senior Mackenzie Bright (below) do a train together during the dance. Winter Formal was February 12 at the Polk County Convention Center.





Senior Zejna Mehmedovic sits at home filling out her parents' names, her future goals, and extracurricular activities she has been involved with on a sheet of paper sent to her in the mail. About 29 other seniors are doing the exact same thing. These students have just been nominated for Student of All Seasons.

Nearly two decades ago, teachers wanted to award students for their achievements, hard work and participation in and out of the classroom. The award, Student of All Seasons, was born. Seniors Zejna Mehmedovic, Jackelyn Martinez, Rodney Silliman, Dat Phuk Tran and Andrea Bailey were awarded student of all seasons of 2011.

Martinez and Mehmedovic shared the same feeling as they found out they had won. Both of the girls were very surprised. Mehmedovic didn't believe she would win because she assumed everyone voted for their friends. According to Mehmedovic, she was in the middle of a popularity contest.

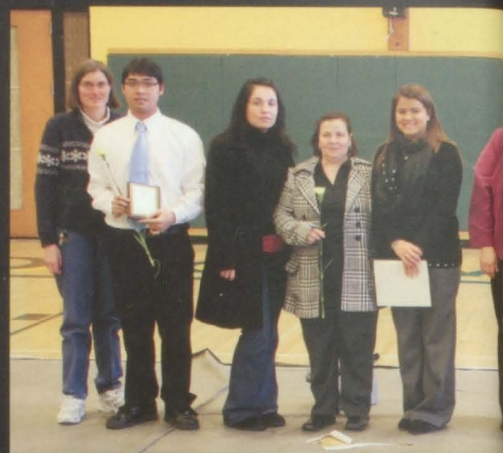
The psychology teacher and student council adviser Kirk Stevens confirmed that students do indeed pick the winners. According to Stevens, teachers really try to tell their students

to vote for the best representative. The winner, in computer teacher Kathleen McNeal's eyes, should be academically strong and respected by their peers.

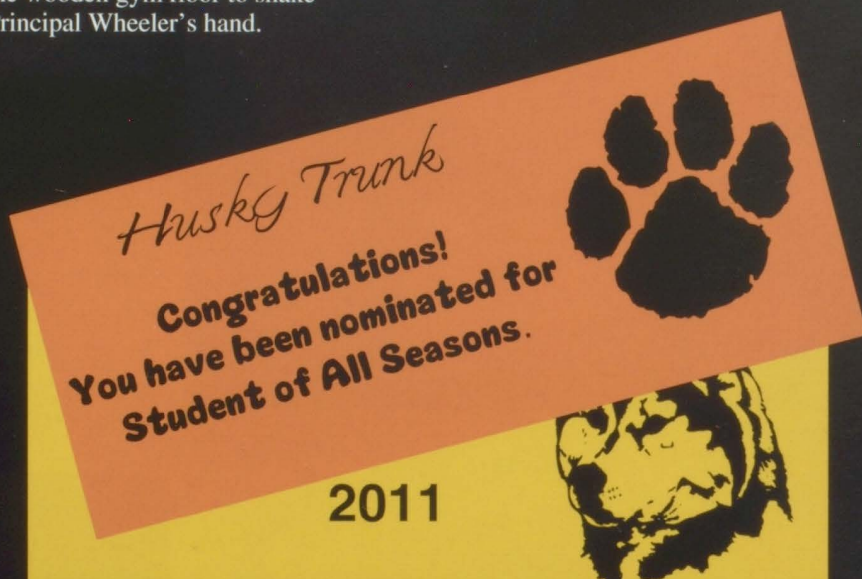
Stevens was really impressed with the outcome of the winners this year.

"It was really diverse this year, which is kind of cool. The voting was fairly close!" Stevens said.

Martinez considered it to be an honor and a payoff for all of her hard work to be chosen for student of all seasons. She was proud to walk across the wooden gym floor to shake Principal Wheeler's hand.



The Student of All Seasons winners (above) and their parents pose for a picture. The seniors (right) win the spirit stick. They wait and celebrate as its thrown into the crowd.





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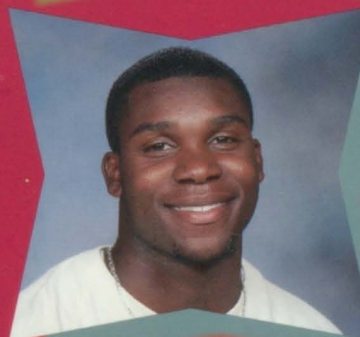
**Zejna
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Dat Phuk Tran
Math



**Jackelyn
Martinez**
Spanish



Rodney Silliman
Athletics



Andrea Bailey
Athletics

Hoover High Presents:

THE OUTSIDERS

*Drama Department Brings
The Outsiders Inside!*

The Greasers

THE INSIDE SCOOP

As a stage manager, Sophomore Tayler Ross has many responsibilities. She must fill out contact sheets, conflict sheets, schedule the rehearsals, has to have access to a computer at all times, write rehearsal reports and basically manage The Outsiders crew. Ross deals with a lot, but one thing she will not deal with is drama within the crew.

"I always tell the actors 'if you have baggage, leave it at the door you can pick it up on your way out,'" Ross said. Although the drama department might deal with conflicts within the crew they always manage to pull through and put on a great show.

"I just try to go into character and try to forget about the drama," Sophomore Avery Jackson said. Jackson will play Bob, a social in The Outsiders. The Outsiders is about two gang rivalries; the Greasers and the Socials and the brotherhoods within their gangs.

In order to prepare for the production, the crew has rehearsal five to six days a week, lasting anywhere from three to eight hours per rehearsal. Being in the play takes up a lot of the actors' time, but it is all worth it in the end.

"I'm excited. I have high hopes for this production," Jackson said.



What did you think about the play?

Tyler Baerter

SOPHOMORE



"The play was amazing but I didn't like being able to see the run crew when they changed scenes."

Hannah Buscher

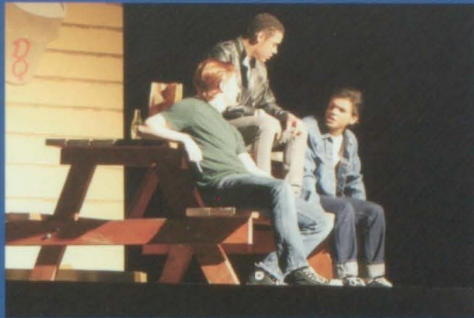
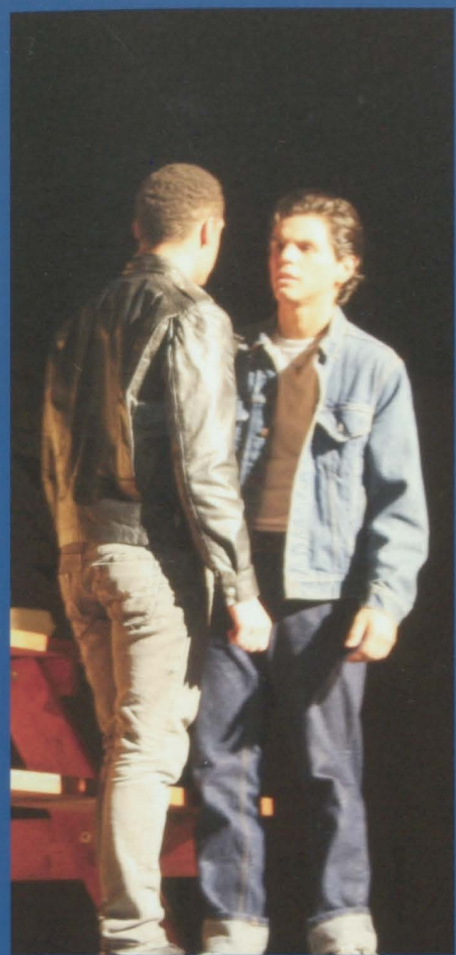
FRESHMAN



"It was well put together in the short time that they had."



Junior Katie Steingrabe and sophomore Nate Mustin (far left) share the latest news. "The Brothers" (left) in the play get an update on how Johnny is doing.



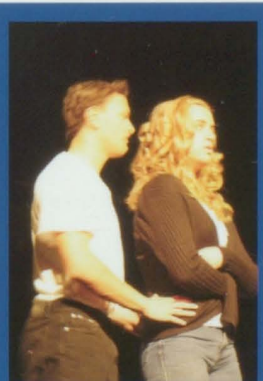
Juniors Jay Jacobson, Nick Clark and Sean Carnahan (left) discuss their situation at Dairy Queen.



Clark and Carnahan (far left) get in an argument at the drive-in.



Freshman Sydney Allen, senior Taylor Atchison, sophomore Taylor Sullivan and freshmen Larry Crane and Caitlyn McGrew (above) bow at the end of the play.



Jacobson (far left) writes the story of ***The Outsiders***. Junior Aleks Vujicic (left) breaks bad news to senior Jordan Hoskins.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear". This is a quote that senior Brooke Torres felt would be just right. She is involved in an organization called The Relay for Life. This is a fundraiser for all kinds of cancer patients and the research so that they may find a cure for future patients. At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events up to 24 hours in length. Torres says "she got involved through aunts chemo therapy

and other places." "It depends on how focused and if you're willing to give up time and if you're really into it said Torres." She said it is important to help them and helping find cures. She has been doing it for all four years of high school and the summer before. She is the relay for life president for her group.

The past years it has been held at Hoover but this year it will be held down town because not enough people signed up. This is very important to her because both her parents had a form of cancer her mother had skin and her dad had lymphoma. Her aunt was also diagnosed with ovarian cancer. This is a worldwide event there will be games, music and contests all the money raised will go to cancer research.



JASON DANIELSON

Social Science teacher Jason Danielson is in charge of relay for life. He is also in charge of High Schools Against Cancer. Danielson fought off cancer roughly 5 years ago and is now a strong supporter of cancer research.

NEW STYLE, NEW BUILDING, NEW ATTITUDE

Below construction workers create new offices in the old library.



Pride welcoming spaces and a great learning environment that's the new Hoover High. It hasn't been as much as I expected but just bad timing said Wheeler. It has been a five million dollar renovation but its not like East or Roosevelt where there's will last over three years we will get ours done over one year. He has been asking for renovations since he has come to Hoover. The loud noises and not so easy times concentrating are going to pay off in the end. The new media center will have all types of learning access and labs and up dated offices. It will be easier for the parents and freshmen to find the offices because they will be all in one place not scattered around like now.

"It's worth it and it has been really fun designing spaces and it's a unique opportunity for me" said Wheeler. The staff really didn't have a big say in the whole renovation process. When they redo the class rooms they should have a bigger input. This huge gain and having nice building creates a sense of pride. Another thing is when other schools come for sporting events we have a better image. With everything that happened the staff didn't have a big say on where or what they should make bigger. But they were happy with the spread of some classes. The big thing was making a now bigger media center. Mr. Wheeler says that this may be a minor set back but with what they have done, its given the building better potential.



Above students work in media center. The media center is located in the long hallway and is available for Hoover and Meredith students.



Above students work on computers behind the check in desk. This is one of many renovations to come in the next few years.

BROWN SCORES THE GOALS

Hockey, blood, sweat and tears. That's hockey for you.

Senior Nathan Brown said "Hockey takes blood, sweat and tears every day."

Brown has been playing hockey since he was four years of age. He started hockey because as a kid he wanted to play; he was put on skates and from there on knew that he wanted to play. He was so serious that he quit the football team for hockey; too many injuries in football.

His older brother played hockey which also inspired him to play and stay with the sport.

Brown said the best thing about hockey is, "lying wood

and scoring goals."

Although Brown loves hockey, he wants to branch out and become a cardiologist.

His family is very supportive of him and his sport. They travel with the team. Brown plays for the Des Moines Oak Leafs at the Metro Ice facility on weekends.

Brown has gotten very competitive which has lead to some injuries including a head injury; he has also sustained a sprained ankle.

Brown said that it's hard doing work school and hockey but you have to give sacrifices for the things you love.

"I'm not dumb enough to be a goalie."

-Brett Hull



Senior Nathan Brown goes for a goal. Brown has been playing hockey since he was a kid.



Senior Nathan Brown watches the opponent



Freshman Nathan Scott (top) is ready to block the puck from going in. Scott (above) is getting ready for a game.

SCOTT STOPS GOALS

Freshman Nathan Scott loves to play hockey all the time. He, well, lives sleeps and eats hockey.

"Hockey!

Hockey all day, every day you know it," Scott said..

Scott has played hockey since he was five his older brother got him started. Scott said that hockey is very competitive and always takes blood and tears if not it wouldn't be hockey.

Scott has never been hurt or injured in a game.

Why is hockey such a great sport?

"Well it's fun always moving and

you get to meet new people," he said.

His friends and family are

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**"Football players have cheerleaders and cheerleaders have hockey players."
-Freshman Nate Scott**

most of his games at the Buccaneer Arena. His position is the goalie. Scott would never quit hockey for another sport.

Hockey is his favorite and he never stops playing it he loves in and always will.

"The Capitals always win the tournament," Scott said.

THIRD DAN CURRY SETS GOALS

Special by
Juwan Hughes

Five million people do it in this world and not very many people hear about it.

"Anybody can do it, you just have to want to do it," said senior Josh Curry.

Taekwondo originated in South Korea; it's the most practiced martial art in the world and is also an Olympic sport.

Curry has been doing taekwondo for about 13 years. When he was younger his parents had to make him go to class.

"Taekwondo is so much fun because of the people, the requirements and always setting new goals," he said.

He started because he was

bored and his parents wanted him to do a sport.

"It's one of the most competitive sports out there; it's more than just an activity it's who you are, a way to get away, something you rely on, a way of life," Curry said.

He doesn't know if he wants to do it as a profession, but he wants to do it for a long time. His friends and family come to support him, usually for demos and shows.

Balancing work, school and taekwondo is a challenge of course, but he can do his home work at the taekwondo studio.

He had gotten a hamstring injury about two months ago and had quit football for his

love of taekwondo.

Curry does his taekwondo at Farrell's USMA, in January, his team tried out for *America's Got Talent*.



Senior Josh Curry does a demo at the Seven Flags building.

SILLY BANDS

Silly bands were very popular as the school year started. They were the talk between a lot of students. Buying them, looking at others, and trading them; they were the accessories to have.

"I like silly bands because they're a lot of fun. I like to see what shapes other people have and I like trading for cooler ones. Silly bands are rad," junior Katie Steingrabe said.

"They're supposed to be for kids, but I think more teenagers have them," junior Aleigha Harryman said.

Harryman and Steingrabe both think they own at least 50 silly bands. Harryman has been collecting them since the summer.

"They're fun," senior Lester Mwirichia said.

Silly bands come in all different shapes in sizes. There are glow in the dark ones, scented ones, and several varieties of color.

"I like the blue ones," Mwirichia said. "The guy who made them is a genius," he said.



Silly bands (top) were extremely popular at the beginning of the school year. Junior Katie Steingrabe (middle) is studying in class while wearing silly bands. Steingrabe is a cheerleader so she bought the cheerleading squad a collection of silly bands (bottom). Steingrabe thinks she has at least 50 silly bands in her collection (right).

The Husky yearbook staff voted on a "hot or not" list for this year.

Hot

Not

Skinny Jeans

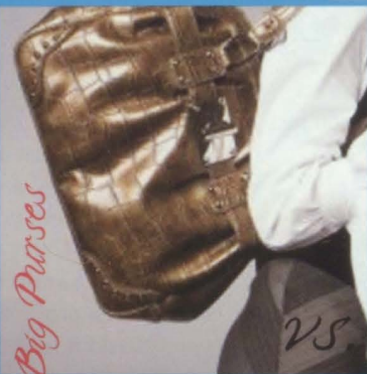


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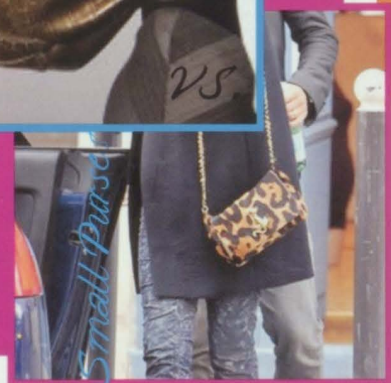


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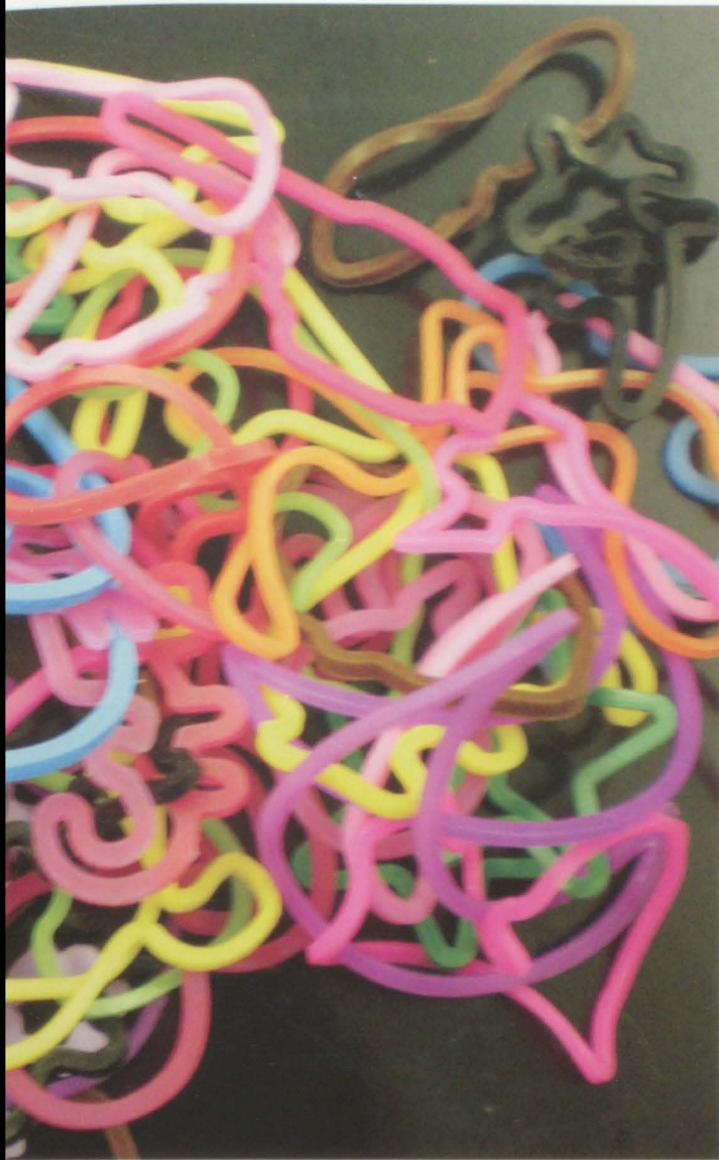


vs.

Small Purses



Sweat Pants



BOMB THREAT

On November 10, 2010, a bomb was said to be going off at school. The threat was written two days before in the girls' bathroom written as graffiti on the wall.

"I was kind of scared because I hadn't heard about the other ones, but once I heard Dowling and Ankeny had them and got out of school for them I thought it was a joke," junior Aleigha Harryman said.

The threat came on an early-out day and said a bomb would go off at 10:00 at the school. During early-out days, students are in homeroom at 10:00. A lot of students had not known about the bomb until they were at school that day.

"I didn't hear about it till after school," senior Lester Mwirichia said. "I was sure the school would take it seriously, even though the kids didn't," he said.

"I wasn't really scared before 10:00 because I didn't think it was real. (I was thinking) 'I'm

hungry,'" Harryman said.

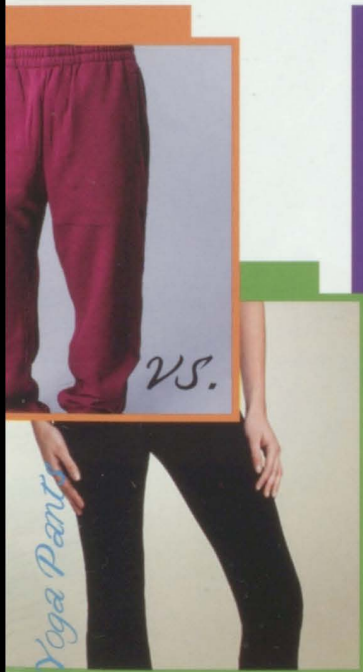
A lot of students thought it was a joke. There was a second threat for November 18 at 1:00. Many students talked about how the second threat was stupid, especially since school was not let out for the first threat.

"(I think they did it) for attention, to get attention, its just stupid," senior Mwirichia said.

"I didn't think it was real," Harryman said.

Because of the actions the school took to make sure it didn't happen, several people were mad that they were not allowed out of classes. They were mad at the people who made the threat.

"It's not something to joke about. Even if they did it as a joke, once they put someone else's life in danger it's not a joking matter," Mwirichia said.



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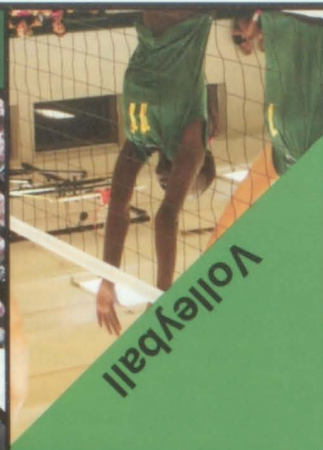
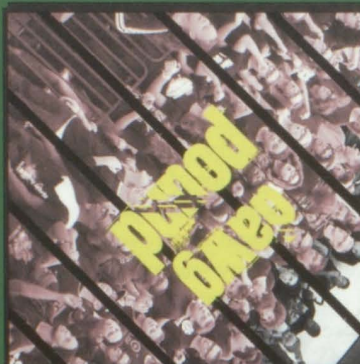
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Volleyball



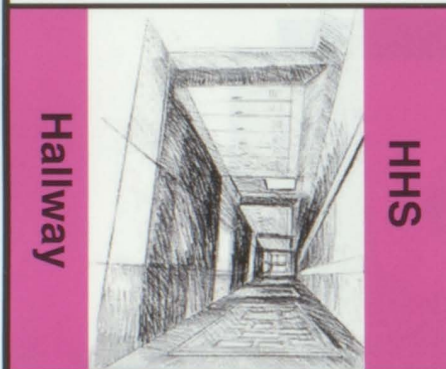
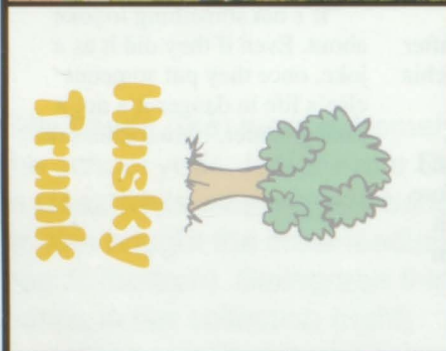
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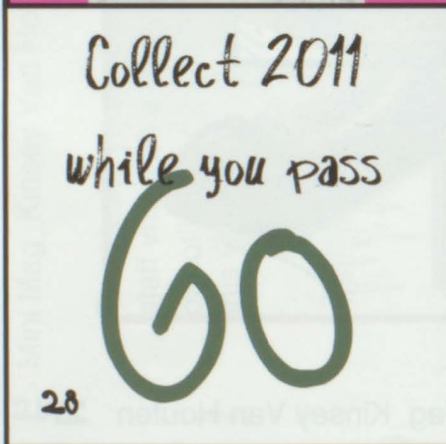


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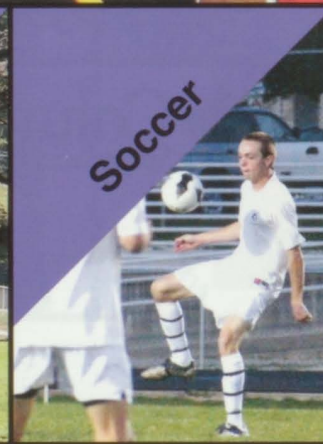
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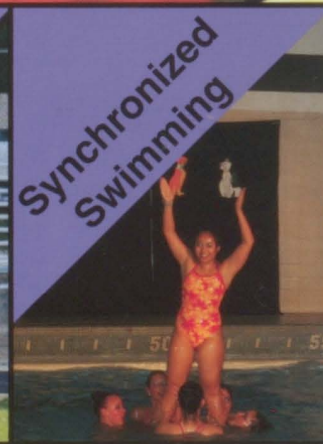
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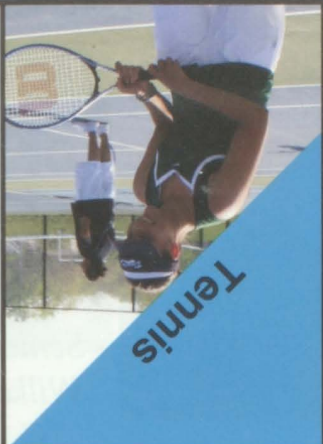


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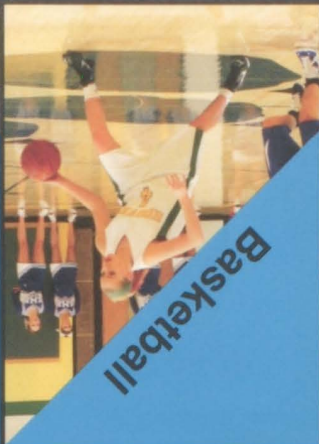


Synchronized Swimming





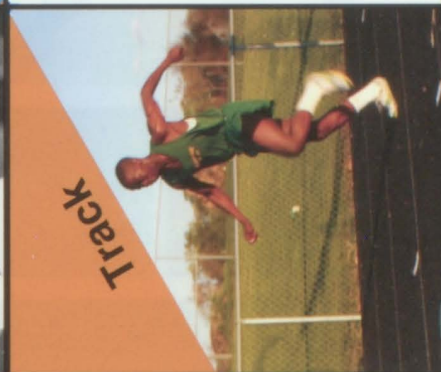
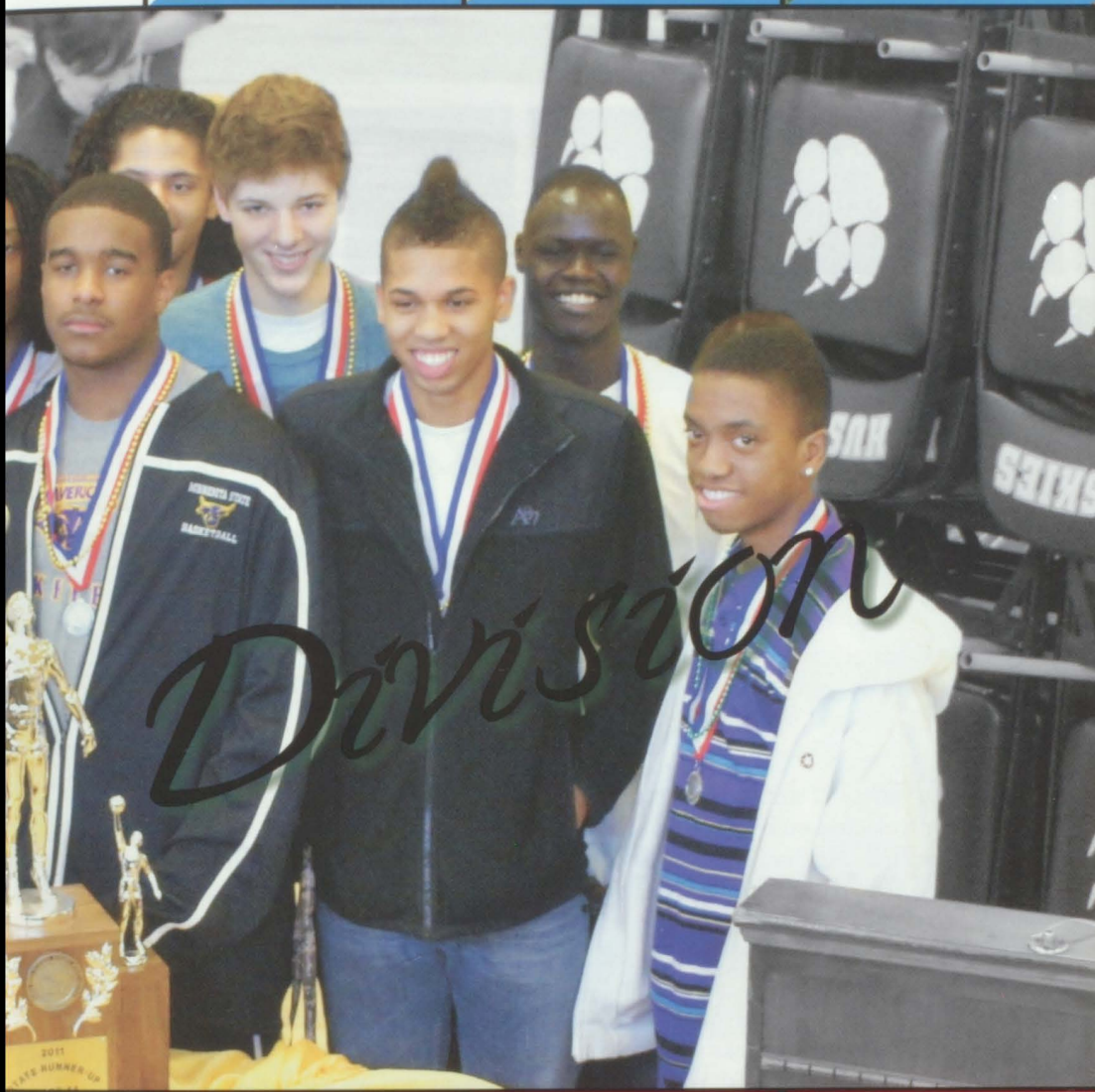
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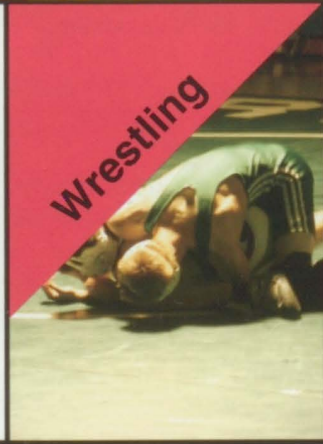
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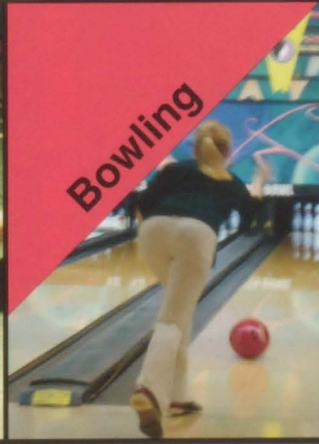
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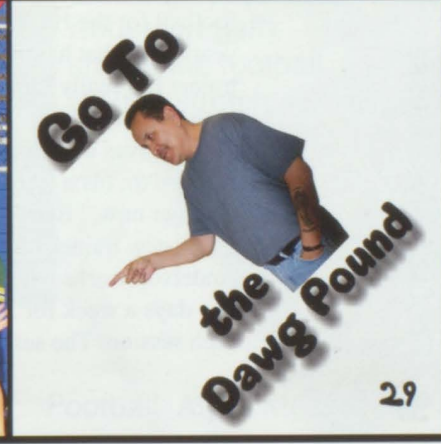
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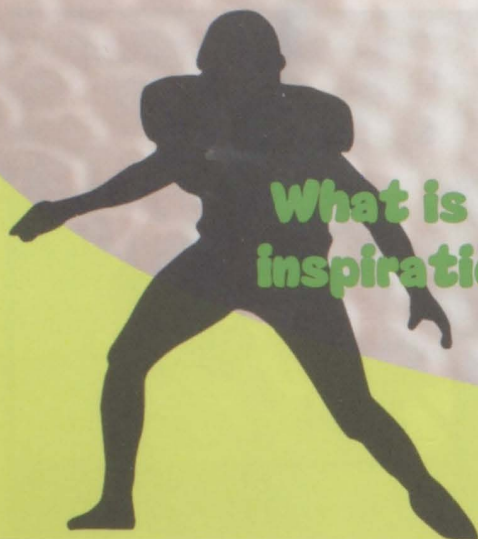


Bowling



Cheerleading





What is your favorite
inspirational quote



Go big
or go
home

- Senior Nick
Wilkerson



CHANGES BRING NEW SPIRIT

Team gains new coach and new trainer with hope for a
better season.

With a new coach, new trainer and a new attitude, the football team is looking to improve this season. Senior Bralen Berry thinks that people should stop putting the team down.

"If they have something bad to say why don't they put on the pads and see how it feels," Berry said.

Berry who has been playing football for the Huskies for four years feels that having the new trainer has really improved the outlook of the team.

"She gives us something to look forward to; (as a team) we're a lot stronger now," Berry said.

The new trainer Lindsey Anderson works with the team two days a week for 30 minutes each session. The sessions include

a variety of strength training and plyometric exercises, which include high intensity training techniques used to develop athletic power.

"Each session the players are increasing weights, power, and endurance," Anderson said. Anderson also thinks that the training is helping the team come together.

"It is great working with a large group and creating the atmosphere as working as one. They are working well together and starting to verbally encourage each other. With Hoover they need team unity; this is one goal I am looking to reach with the team," Anderson said.

But Anderson is not alone in

helping the team become successful. New coach P.E teacher Jon Means, took over from English teacher Mitch Elbert. Means feels that the team is definitely improving.

"Each practice we work on strength conditioning, fundamentals and the basic knowledge of football. During the season I expect them to continue improving and we will hopefully see rewards at the end of the season," Means said.

Berry feels that having Means as a coach has brought many opportunities.

"Having a new coach has brought new opportunities to win and people actually believe we can win so it makes the team work harder," Berry said.



**" We are
a family**

*-Junior DaJon
James*



**" Practice
hard,
play
hard**

*-Sophomore Kevin
Slaughter*

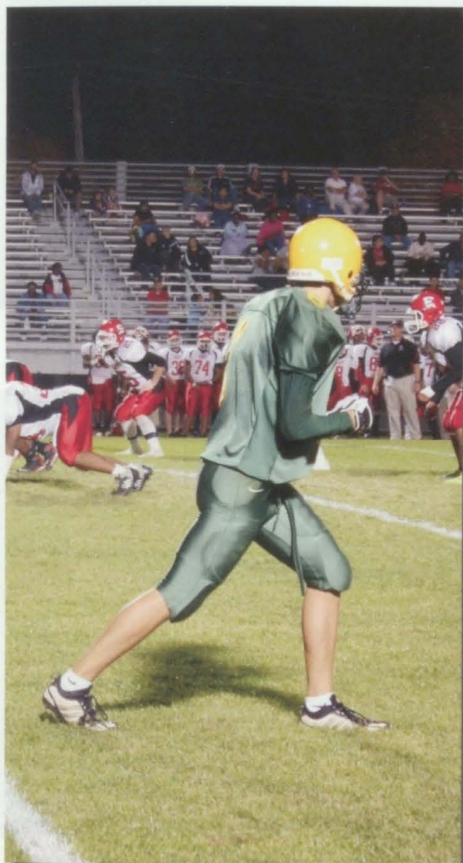


**" No
excuses**

*-Freshmen Ben
Mitchell*



Senior Brandon Signs (below)
gets ready for the play to start.



Football Coach Jon
Means (left) instructs
practice.



New trainer Lindsey
Anderson (left)
shows the football
team a stretch.

FOLLOWING THE DREAM

RUNNING

Senior works hard while juggling schoolwork



school work done.

"School comes first. If you're not doing as well as you should in school, you shouldn't be worrying about other activities," Van Cleave said.

Finding time to study and balancing cross country isn't always the easiest thing.

"I get all of my homework done at school, but I like to study in my kitchen before I go to bed or I pray that the teacher forgets that we had

homework if I don't do it at school or home," Van Cleave said.

His mom and his sister help him to make sure his school work is finished.

"Without them I don't know where I'd be," Van Cleave said.

When all his school work is finished, he practices on his own. He thinks it's important to build up his endurance by joining cross country for track season. He practices every day, especially if he skips a meet.

"I only skip a meet when I have to go and do something for my mom but I always go workout afterwards," Van Cleave said.

He did have to sit out his sophomore and junior years because of an injury, a stress fracture in his hip which required two surgeries, but now that he's a senior he's back in the game and enjoys it because it is his passion.

"I was injured last year and had to go to physical therapy so I have a bunch of hip and abdominal workouts that I do daily," Van Cleave said.

Nothing stops him from running, mainly because he enjoys it and also because of the people.

"I've been around track and field all my life. I love hanging out with the people and it's a good way to stay in shape," Van Cleave said.

To keep his energy up and ready for the day he doesn't always eat pasta, meats, or anything with a lot of nutrients. He likes to eat quick snacks for the go.

"Chocolate milk and granola bars are my favorite, but I try and stay away from junk food," Van Cleave said.

His worse moments are before each race because he gets nervous. During the race he gives it his all, even though he said he's not the best or the worst he just concentrates on finishing the race.

At the end, hanging out at the restaurants and having pasta dinners with the team are his happiest moments.

"My best moments are when the race is over and I can get something to eat," Van Cleave said.



Sophomore Kayli Flynn (left) focuses on her running and finishing the meet. Junior Jordan Provost and senior Ian Pierson (center) run steadily so they can save their hard running for the finish line. The girls push each other (right) to get in front at the start of the meet.

IS HARD WORK

SMALL BUT MIGHTY

Girls work hard even
though team is small



Junior Breanna Rodriguez runs cross country along with six other girls. This will be her third year running in cross country.

She enjoys running, and likes the burst of energy she gets when it comes to the meets. Rodriguez also runs track and plays soccer.

The average cross-country meet is usually held with 4-6 other schools. They score runners by their whole squad, not just the individual place.

"We don't win that many meets but we come pretty close and that could have something to do with the fact that we don't have as many girls as we used to have," Rodriguez said.

This season they lost a lot of girls because their number of losses. The girls cross country team has always been a small squad which is a disadvantage when it comes down to run at a meet.

"I have always been a committed person and I'm not going to give up on girls cross country just because we don't win that much," Rodriguez said.

She believes in cross country and so should everyone else.

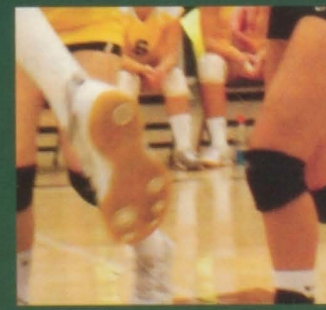
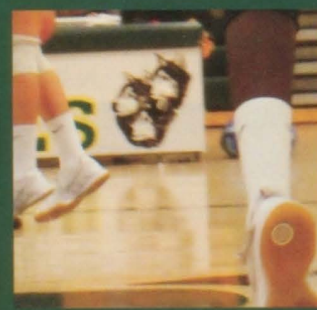
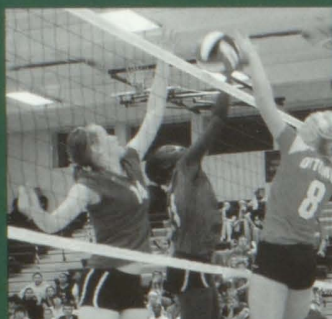
"We now have five girls on our cross country team which means we have to work hard and fast to build a stronger team," Rodriguez said

Junior Breanna Rodriguez goes all out at the end of a meet.



Freshman Ben Bourland (left) cools down at the finish of the meet. Senior Katy Stites (center) catches her breath at the end of a race. Freshman Nick Orrante (right) focuses on his running.

DIG THIS!



Serve, pass, set, spike and block are all moves in volleyball. When it comes to volleyball, you not only need to have physical strength, but you need to be able to work with others.

Volleyball builds sportsmanship and the ability to get along with others. Just ask sophomore Marquise Gwenigale, who's been playing volleyball for five years. She started off playing in 6th grade.

"Volleyball definitely teaches you sportsmanship, because it's a team oriented sport," Gwenigale said.

Her teammate, junior Cassandra Garza has been playing for about two years now and says she really enjoys it.

Gwenigale and Garza both agreed that this year the volleyball team did a lot better, but could also use a lot of improvements.

The volleyball coach for varsity is English teacher Jon Rubino and for JV it is middle school gym teacher Melissa Floyd.

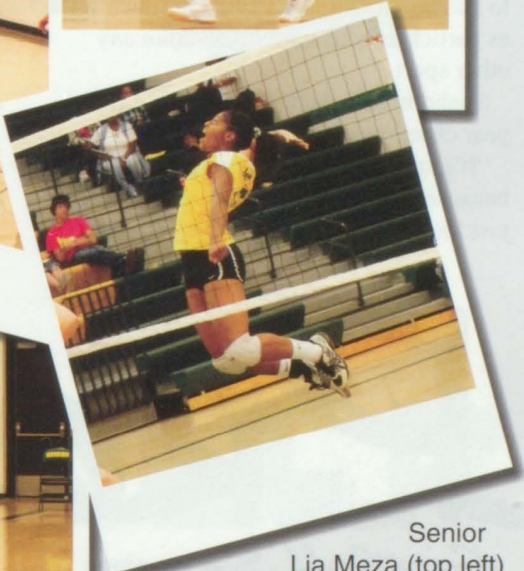
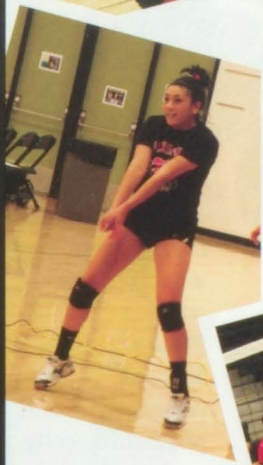
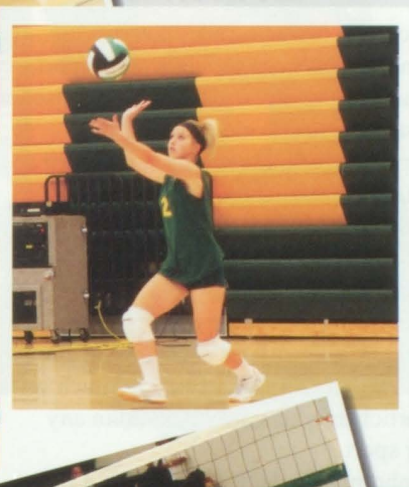
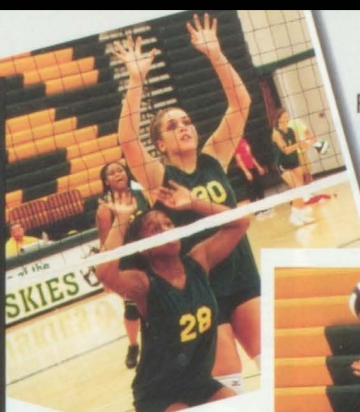
"One of my favorite memories was winning our first game!" Garza said.

Gwenigale considers playing volleyball in college, but not as a career. Garza plans on being a police officer, so she won't be playing volleyball in the future.

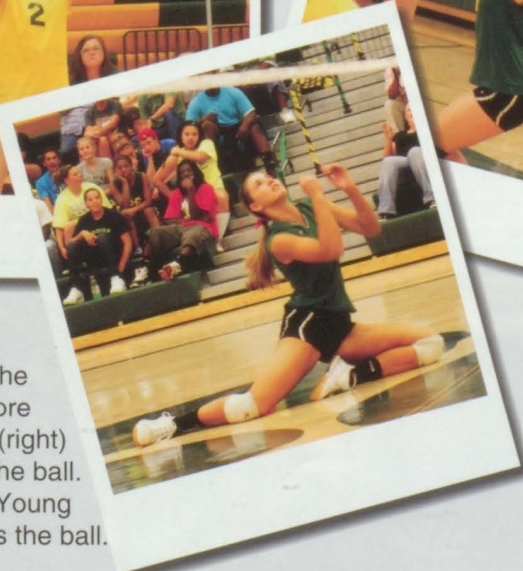
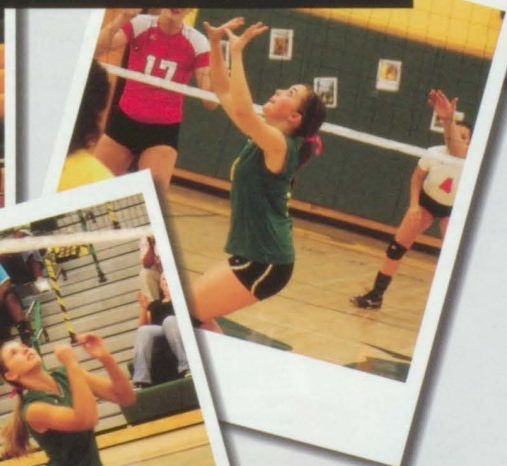
Some people think that Hoover should get a boys' volleyball team, because it would be more interesting and guys would enjoy playing and competing against other teams.

Story by Elisabeta Pirel

Freshmen Artorria Jung and Elma Mahmutovic (left) go up for a block. Sophomore Rachel McPherson (below) serves the ball.



Senior Lia Meza (top left) goes to bump the ball. Senior Denise Cowherd (above) goes for a kill. Freshman Olivia Onley (left) bumps the ball over the net.



Junior Megan Bartholomew (above) sets the ball. Sophomore Natalie Clark (right) tries to save the ball. Senior Emily Young (top right) sets the ball.

TOGETHER
EVERYONE
ACHIEVES
MORE

Cheerleading Takes Just as Much Determination and Practice as Every Other Sport

Recently, Iowa passed a law downgrading cheerleading from a sport to just an activity. Freshman Hannah Buscher, a first year cheerleader, thinks that cheerleading should still be considered a sport.

"I think that they should consider it a sport because we do a lot of stuff to work out and get fit," Buscher said.

Even though Buscher hasn't cheered for very long, she still has experienced enough to know that cheerleaders do as much work as participants that are involved in any other sport.

Sophomore Rena Knutson, also a first year cheerleader, agrees with her.

"It's stupid (that they passed the law) because it's still a sport and you work out just like everybody else," Knutson said.

Along with Buscher and Knutson, senior Ashley Johnson also agrees that it is not fair that Iowa is no longer considering cheerleading a sport.

"I don't like it (the law) because we work as hard as everybody else. I mean it's still a sport and we work out and stuff," Johnson said.

Johnson seemed to be most concerned about the law being passed because she has had a few years of experience and knows all the hard work that goes into it. The cheerleaders also go out and do volunteer work.

"We volunteer at events like the Heart Walk and the Arts Gala together," said Johnson. This shows that they not only participate athletically, but philanthropically as well.

Ashley Johnson



Rena Knutson



Hannah Buscher

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Football Season



Varsity cheerleaders (above) hold junior Aliyah Hoskins in an extension. Varsity cheerleaders (right) hold junior Kinsey Van Houten in a prep.



Senior Ashley Johnson (left) practices doing a roundoff-back handspring before the game. Varsity cheerleaders (below) show off the toy footballs they bought with the money Donut Hut donated.



Freshmen & Junior Varsity



Junior Sierra Goodson (above) does a cheer. JV cheerleaders (bottom right) hold freshmen Hannah Buscher and Jasmine Carter in a prep.



Sophomores Rena Knutson and Taylor Sullivan (above) do a cheer during the boys' JV game vs. Ottumwa.

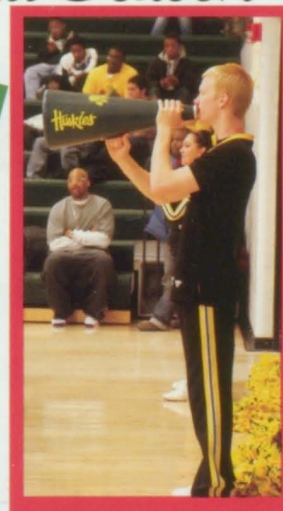


HOOVER CHEER

Basketball Season



Varsity cheerleaders (above) get the crowd riled up with a cheer. Varsity cheerleaders (right) holding up spirit fingers during a free throw. Varsity cheerleaders (below) smile for a picture during a game.

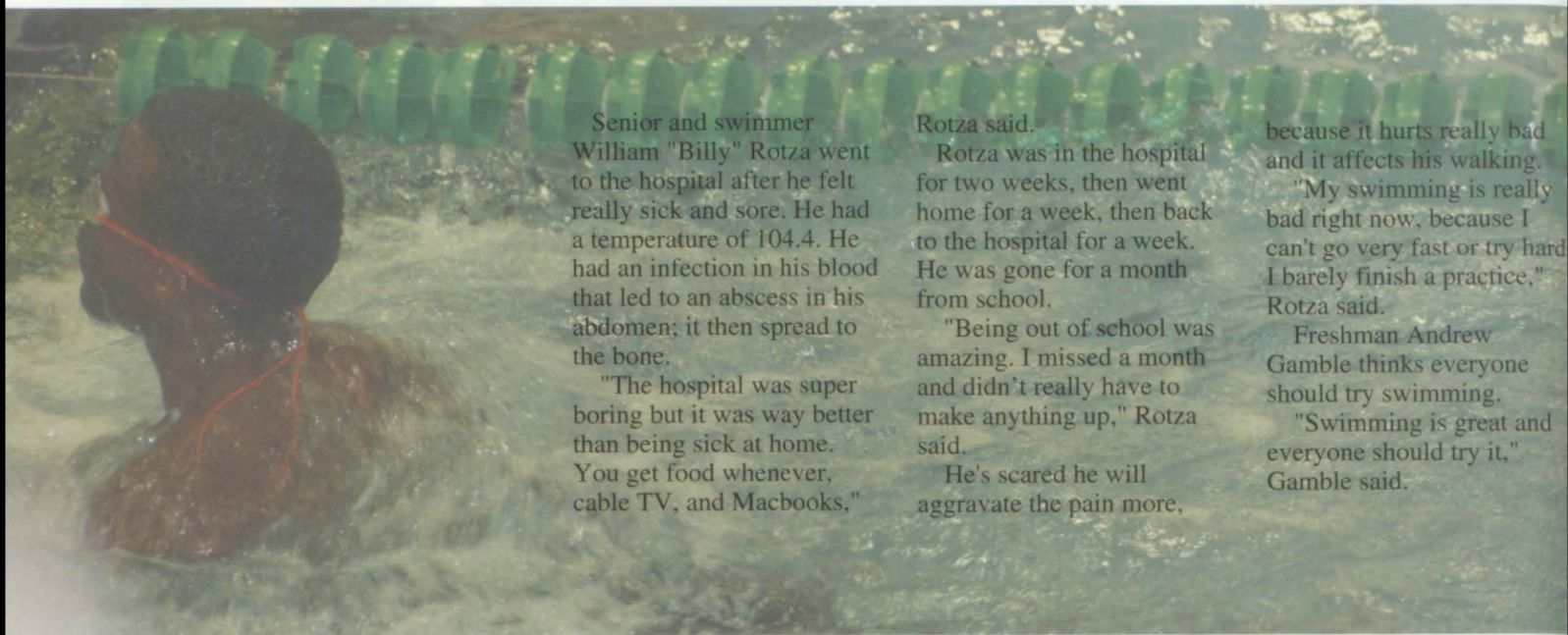


Kinsey Van Houten and Jorin Augustine (left) use their pom-poms during a cheer. Senior Joe Wildt (above) cheers with his megaphone.



BOYS SWIMMING

BOY'S LOSE PLAYER BECAUSE OF HOSPITAL VISIT



Senior and swimmer William "Billy" Rotza went to the hospital after he felt really sick and sore. He had a temperature of 104.4. He had an infection in his blood that led to an abscess in his abdomen; it then spread to the bone.

"The hospital was super boring but it was way better than being sick at home. You get food whenever, cable TV, and Macbooks,"

Rotza said.

Rotza was in the hospital for two weeks, then went home for a week, then back to the hospital for a week. He was gone for a month from school.

"Being out of school was amazing. I missed a month and didn't really have to make anything up," Rotza said.

He's scared he will aggravate the pain more,

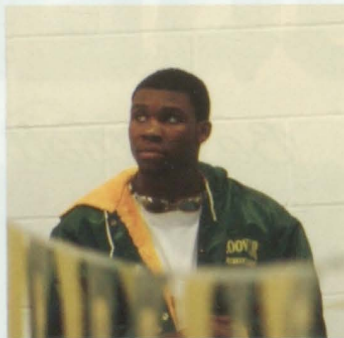
because it hurts really bad and it affects his walking.

"My swimming is really bad right now, because I can't go very fast or try hard. I barely finish a practice," Rotza said.

Freshman Andrew Gamble thinks everyone should try swimming.

"Swimming is great and everyone should try it," Gamble said.

Senior Kaleb Van Cleave (above) just reaches the finish line. Senior Rodney Silliman (right) waits for his turn to swim.



Saydel junior Ryan Repsh (middle) fixes his goggles before his race. Sophomore Daniel Fritz (left) swims to the finish line.



Junior Alexander Woods (left) stretches before a race. Sophomore Chris Dejoode (right) plants his feet on the diving board to prepare himself for his first race.



GIRLS SWIMMING

LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORROW



Freshmen Kaitlin Kendeigh (above) at the block diving after Burriola flips to race back to the other end.



Freshmen Anna Burriola (above) getting ready to dive from block to do a freestyle during practice.



As Kendeigh and Burriola race to the finish with all their might, with the Coach Anita Leveke by their side.

Juniors Abby McNichols and Katelyn Jessen are best friends. They both attend morning swimming practice at 5:30 a.m. everyday. Unlike them, junior Mahagony Stanton doesn't attend.

"I'm not physically able to wake up that early," Stanton said. Though they are on the swim team, when the summer rolls around, McNichols, Jessen, and Stanton don't really swim often.

This past summer Stanton and Jessen both swam for North Side Otter. Jessen has been with them since fifth grade. All of girls signed the Code of Conduct, so they try to keep their grades above B's.

"I'm a nerd. I get good grades because I chose to better myself and be successful in what I work hard for," Stanton said. According to

TimelessMyths.com you can eat before you swim. In general, most people believe you shouldn't eat for at least a half an hour before swimming. Jessen eats cereal before practice. Stanton eats pickles before practice.

"O.M.G., they're so good and light," Stanton said followed by a jolly smile. Jessen isn't scared to drown; she's been swimming so long that she knows what to do in all different scenarios.

"Yeah, I'm always paranoid, like who knows what can happen in the water," Stanton said.

"The craziest thing I've ever done at practice, was probably when I fell running down the side of the pool. I was trying to go to the locker room and get back before my coach, Anita Leveke, yelled at me," Jessen said.

One time Stanton was swimming the 500 freestyle and her cap came off and

her goggles did too.

"I thought I was going to drown for a minute. I was like almost swimming in the other people's lane too," Stanton said. McNichols has fallen asleep behind the starting block (where you dive from) once after practice. She said it was sort of uncomfortable.

Stanton's favorite place to sleep is her bed.

"I always stretch when I get home after practice for about 10 minutes," McNichols said. Jessen normally stretches by herself when she gets home for about 10-15 minutes.

On the other hand Stanton is the type to stretch while practice is going on.

"I like to tell people that our swim team is like a big family, and we're all sisters and we will always have love for each other," Stanton said.

QUICK FUN FACTS

1. Swimming became a part of the Olympic Games in 1896.
2. There are so many different strokes, that nobody actually knows how many there are.

SENIORS

**Onterier
Brown**



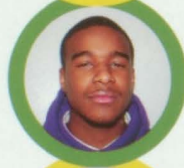
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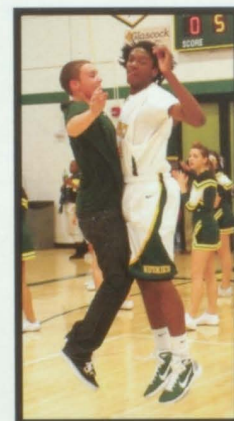
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BOYS TAKE 2ND IN STATE!



Sophomore Gatlat Toang and senior Onterier Brown (top) block a shot. Senior Reggie White (right) goes up strong for a basket. Seniors Kourtlin Jackson and Jacob Brown (far right) chest bump.



The team (right) huddles around Coach Henderson during a time out.



MORE THAN A GAME

The team and the coaches have high expectations for the 2010-2011 basketball season

Second year boys' basketball coach Courtney Henderson believes the team had a great first year together, but he is hoping for improvement this season.

"Last year everything was new, the boys know the expectations now," Henderson said.

The boys have been working hard during the off season to help meet these expectations. Many of the players were on a traveling AAU team, Kingdom Hoops, during the summer. Playing on this team helps them improve their game and compete against higher levels of competition.

"It has made me realize that people

play everywhere, not just in Iowa or even in the U.S. It gives me the chance to compete with harder teams, too," junior Dwight Sistrunk said.

Now that the basketball season has begun, the team practices six out of seven days of the week and each practice lasts anywhere between two to three hours.

"We do a lot of things in practice, including working on drills, various plays and getting in shape," Henderson said.

Defense is a very important skill for the Huskies. Coach Henderson has helped the team realize just how important defense is.

"He's taught me that defense plays a big role in the outcome of the game," senior Kourtlin Jackson said.

Over the years the team has become very close with one another and this

plays a major role on the court.

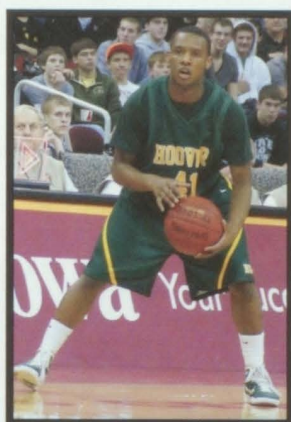
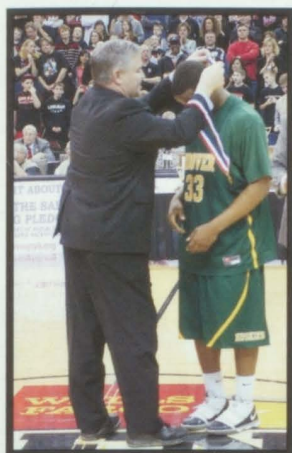
"My teammates are like my brothers, my family," Jackson said.

When all is said and done, the team is hoping to meet their high expectations this basketball season.



The starting five (above) wait to be announced.

ALL ABOUT TEAM WORK



Junior Dwight Sistrunk Jr. is announced (top left) as he enters the court. Senior Kelly Madison (top middle) is awarded with a medal after the game. Junior Louie Ingoli (top right) looks to pass the ball.

Being a freshman and being on varsity is a pretty big deal; just ask freshman Malaysia Duncan.

"You get a lot of attention for it," Duncan said.

It's her first year, and she has already made varsity on the girls basketball team. Duncan decided to play here because she knew that she'd get playing time.

On the other hand, this is senior Grace Phillips, last year playing basketball. She's been on the team for three years now. When she transferred from Johnston High school she played there for one year, and then started at Hoover.

"I've been playing basketball since I was four years old. I plan to do it after high school because I'm getting a scholarship to college," Phillips said.

Duncan has also been playing basketball since she was four years old. Her favorite thing about it is being able to see new faces and playing against those new faces.

"The teamwork and determination you have to have to play the sport is my favorite thing," Phillips said.

Both girls have different opinions on what's the hardest part about playing basketball. Duncan thinks it's running offense in the game, but Phillips thinks it's defense.

"The coach is great, he's motivational, and makes us want to get a lot better," Duncan said.

Phillips agrees. She thinks that Coach Haywood Boston really motivates them to try their hardest, and works them hard.

"If I could change something, it'd be that us girls would have more confidence in ourselves," Phillips said.

Duncan would change it so that people would get more into it.

"Before a game, music and my teammates usually get me pumped up, but giving Hoover a win is what motivates me," Duncan said.

There are also some downsides to playing basketball while you're on varsity.

"It's made me not get a lot of sleep! We practice 3-4 days a week, sometimes outside of school. We usually run, practice offenses, our shooting, do drills, etc.," Duncan said.

The team is really what keeps Phillips so pumped. They help her out with the game; it's really a big part for her.

"I love my Hoover Girl's Basketball team!" Phillips said.



Sophomore Natalie Clark (left) tries to pass the ball while being guarded by a Valley player. Senior Grace Phillips (middle) plays on an injured knee against Urbandale. Phillips scored 14 points that night. Junior Sunday Duop (right) shoots for a basket against a Valley player.

STRIKE To SUCCESS

STRIKES, SPARES, PINS, BOWLING SHOES, & A BOWLING BALL.



Sophomore Nicole Bauer was introduced to bowling as a little kid. She started at age 4 to be exact. It's her first year in high school and she loves it. She says that bowling is not exactly easy and not all that hard but can get real competitive.

Bauer thinks the hardest thing would probably be knocking down the pins and getting a split or strike.

"I love competing with other teams and it's a really good way to spend time and have fun with your friends and family!" Bauer said.

Just like soccer, basketball, baseball and other sports you're required to have the appropriate shoes and have your own equipment. Bauer's parents pay for all her expenses and support her fully. They give her advice on how she plays.

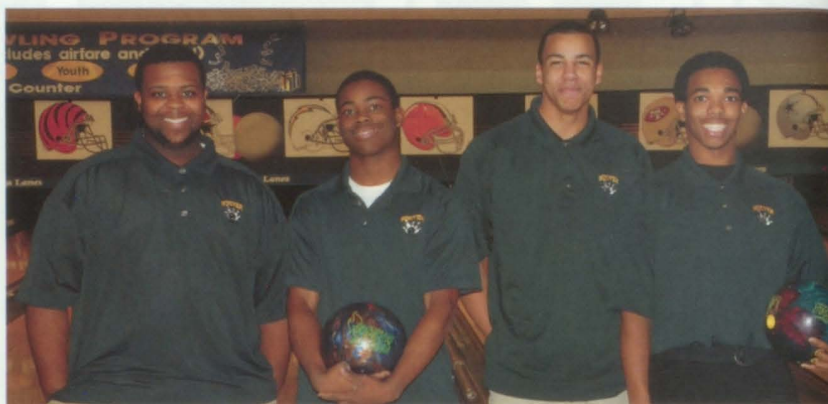
"They (my parents) tell me what I'm doing wrong and how I could do better...there advice really helps a lot," said Bauer.

Practice is held two days a week. Each practice is at least one and a half hours long. Bauer practices outside of scheduled practices at a friend's bowling alley. She says the best advice she can give is when you're competing against someone, you should concentrate and always do your best.

Her favorite thing about bowling is "getting strikes, and that the people on the team are very nice and get real ccompetitive" Bauer said.

Another good thing about bowling is that you can get free scholarships. You make new friends, and get to know people more. Bauer agrees that more people should ddefinitelyjoin the team.

"I'm going to miss my team once bowling is done!" said Bauer.



TIPS

- Keep your thumb relaxed in the ball
- Balance your body for a solid finish
- Develop your own bowling style.
- PRACTICE! PRACTICE! PRACTICE!

Seniors Ja'Sean Coleman, Johnny Floyd, Graham Dawson and Drew Jones (top) pose for a picture at a bowling tournament. Junior Alyxis Beltz (above left) prepares herself to bowl her second shot. Junior Jessica Schwartz (above right) bowls her second game.

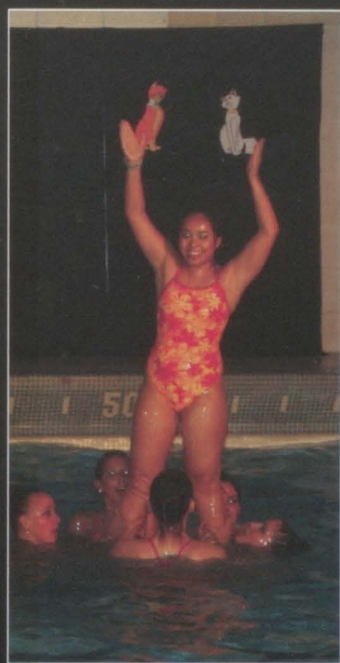
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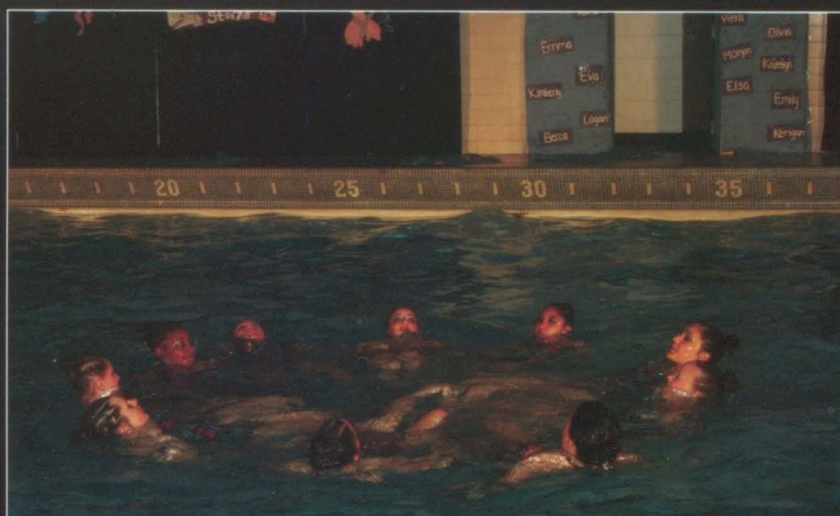
Disney On Water



Sophomore, Viera Nguyen (right), has been on Hoover's synchro team for two years. Nguyen loves being in synchro swimming. "It's way more chill than swim season. It's like pre bonding for swim season!".



Synchro team (above) takes a bow after a their performance. Swimmers involved in the high school number (below) form a circle in the middle of the pool.



The synchro team met after school every day from 3:10-5:00. There are a lot of swimmers on this swim team. The team is very close and says they love hanging out with each other outside of swimming. Each of them started swimming at a young age and enjoys it. Some say it's nothing like any other sport, its relaxing and fun at the same time.

The synchro team has been at Hoover for a long time. Each show seems even greater than the last and the girls get closer every year. When you have a team that is so in sync with each other it makes the performance that much more enjoyable because everyone is working together to make the performance that great.

This year's show was "Disney on Water" where they performed to songs like, "Hawaiian Rollercoaster Ride", "Be Our Guest", and "Can't Wait to Be King". The swimmers say it was cool to swim and dance to the songs they had grown up hearing on Disney cartoon movies. "It was really fun, and I wouldn't change the experience for anything. We all enjoyed ourselves fun having fun together", says Savannah James (sophomore).

Sophomore Savannah James, freshman Kimberly Gonzales, eighth grader Kerigan Torres, and freshman Taylor Williams perform a quartet.

Synchro_Bailey Wood

WHAT'S IT TAKE TO BE ON TOP??

What the wrestlers do to keep on top of their opponents in a match

*"There's
nothing like
wrestling in
the world."
Sophomore
Carolyn
Evans*

The wrestling team has a lot of new wrestlers this year. Even though they have to start from the beginning, they're learning fast.

Coach Gene Hildreth has been the head coach for eight years and he's glad that so many wrestlers have joined the team. He does all he can to improve each wrestler. He has high hopes for the season and wisdom for his wrestlers.

"If they apply themselves, it's much more than winning matches and medals. It's taught me discipline. I've learned about my own body and how to face adversity. Instead of running away, it teaches

Senior David Mwirichia (top left) trying to pin Ankeny competitor. North senior Timothy Routh (top middle) holding wrestler. North sophomore and State Champion at 135 pounds, Brian Warren (top right) pinning his opponent. Freshman Thomas Swessinger (right middle) head to head with Ankeny opponent. North freshman Rudy Marquez (bottom right) on top of opponent.

you to meet your problems face on," Hildreth said.

Sophomore Carolyn Evans is the only girl on the team, but that doesn't seem to faze her. Hildreth thinks that she plays a positive role.

"She affects everything. She's probably the hardest worker. The guys want to keep up with her, so she has a big positive effect on the team," Hildreth said.

Evans has been wrestling for four years and she feels like she fits in with the team. She's not planning on wrestling in college, but that won't stop her from being a die-hard wrestling fan.

"I'll be a hard worker at whatever I end up doing. But wherever I end up living, I'll always be a huge wrestling fan. There'll always be a special place in my heart for wrestling," Evans said.

Freshman Thomas Swessinger has been wrestling for nine years. His goal is to become as good as he can.

"To be a good wrestler, you need to know what you have to do to position yourself and you have to watch their hips to see when they'll shoot," Swessinger said.

Senior Taylor Jackson is a new wrestler on the team. He has family involved in wrestling so he decided to try something new and wrestle his senior year. Jackson thinks cutting weight is one of the hardest things to do in wrestling.

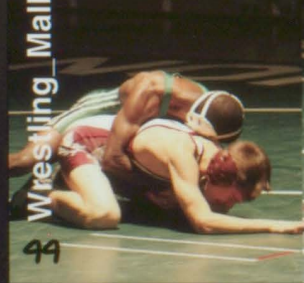
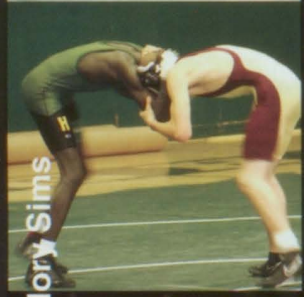
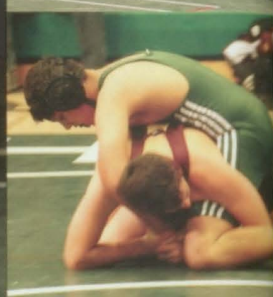
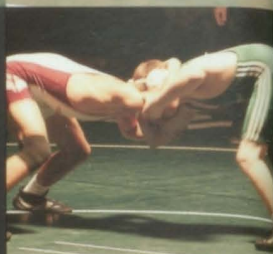
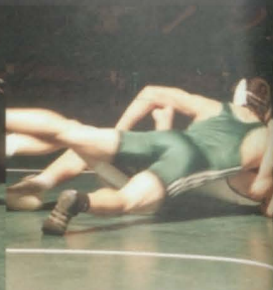
"You eat less and healthier.

A day or two before a meet you can't drink too much and when you weigh in an hour before your meet, you have to be on weight," Jackson said.

Hildreth wants to see more supporters in the crowd.

"We'd like more Hoover support. We'd love you to come to our meets and check us out and see what we're about. We're doing well and each year we send kids to state. Some have even been from Hoover," Hildreth said.

State Champion at 135 pounds, North sophomore, Brian Warren trying to pin his competitor (top left). Junior Agok Philip head to head with Ankeny opponent (middle left). Senior David Mwirichia on top of his opponent (bottom left). North senior Timothy Routh (bottom middle) on top of wrestler. North sophomore Loudon Swain (bottom right) pins Ankeny wrestler.



Wrestling Moves

Offensive

Iron Claw
Leg Ride
Takedowns
Twister
Cradle
Spiral
Half Nelson

Defensive

Sprawl
Hip Cut
Scissor Hold
Sit Out
Inside Stand Up
Switch
Hook and Roll

JOINING THE SCRUM

Hoover boys decide to start a Rugby team

Rugby is the newest sport starting this spring. The Huskies' first match was Monday, April 4th.

The team is part of the Central Iowa Rugby Metro League (CIRML) Central Conference of the sevens league. Sevens league includes a team of fifteen with only seven players on the field. In May, Des Moines Rugby League will have fifteens league with fifteen players on field.

Rugby is a contact sport played with a ball a little bit bigger than a football. The game is played by the players passing the ball behind them or running to score a "try."

The only player on the team that has played before is senior Bill Cooney. He has played three years for two different teams; Des Moines Chaos is in the fifteens league and Dowling Catholic is in the sevens league.

He is a flanker and a flyhalf. The flanker is an all around utility position where you have to be

ready for anything. A flyhalf is the main receiver.

Even though rugby is thought to be a dangerous sport, Cooney has only had one injury, which was just a minor concussion.

Cooney is excited to be able to play rugby at Hoover and is surprised at how well the team has done.

"I didn't think we were going to be as well as we did. We're as good as the Dowling team was last year when it was their first year getting involved with rugby," Cooney said.

Orr said the only thing he was afraid of this season was taking awkward hits, but that didn't stop him from coming out for rugby.

"Billy Cooney brought up the idea and showed us videos about it and it looked fun. We've had enough practice, and hell yeah, we're ready to play!" Orr said.

Story by Billy Rotza



Senior Bill Cooney (above) being taken down by two opponents. Senior AJ Hawxby (below) with the ball pushing past the opposing team. Hoover rugby team ended up dominating the rugby field this season.



SCOREBOARD

Home-Visitor

Hoover vs. Iowa Falls-Alden	28 - 49
Valley vs. Hoover	0 - 42
Van Meter vs. Hoover	14 - 7
East vs. Hoover	14 - 42
Hoover vs. East	28 - 7
Hoover vs. Ames	56 - 0

Home-Visitor

Hoover vs. Roosevelt	14 - 21
Lincoln vs. Hoover	21 - 7
Urbandale vs. Hoover	28 - 0
Clarke vs. Hoover	14 - 7
Valley vs. Hoover	14 - 35
Hoover vs. Roosevelt JV	70 - 0

BASEBALL AIMING FOR SUCCESS!

Boys Look Forward to a Successful season with New Coach

It's hard to lose seniors every year, but it's even harder when you lose a coach. Mike Vukovich was the former baseball coach. Dustin Townsend has taken his place as the new varsity coach.

"At first I was iffy, but now he's starting to get more comfortable and I like him a lot," sophomore Matt Pudans said.

Pudans has been playing baseball since he was young and has always loved it.

"He's quiet, but productive," sophomore Max Lindstrom said.

"I've learned more from the new coach, but I like 'Vuk' better as a guy," sophomore Collin Kelso said.

There has been a question about commitment to the new coach because the boys don't have the same respect for him that they had for Vukovich.

"More people (are committed) than others," Pudans said.

"I think the seniors might not (have the same respect) because they had been with 'Vuk' for all four years, but a lot of the underclassmen like him more," Kelso said.

The boys are hoping to have a successful season this year.

"I think we're really coming together well as a team," Pudans said.

The baseball team (above right) talks over their first game and gets prepared to start the second. They had a double header against Dowling. Seniors Nathan Brown and Brandon Signs (right) throw the ball after getting a Dowling player in a run down.





Junior Breanna Rodriguez waits to take the signs from her coach.



Senior Amanda Mount gets ready to swing as the pitcher is pitching.



Sophomore Taylor Blackford Pitches during the varsity game against Dowling.



Sophomore Rachel McPherson (top) dives back to third base. Sophomore Natalie Clark (bottom) fields a ground ball at short stop.

HOOVER SOFTBALL TAKES A HIT...

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER SEASON, YET AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT TEAM.



The softball team faces a big reality check after losing four senior starters. Sophomore Natalie Clark and Senior Amanda Mount both agree that this loss will greatly affect their season.

"They were a huge part of our team. People will have to fight for their positions," Clark said.

Losing four infielders, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd base, as well as a catcher will be a big struggle to overcome. The second baseman started every game since her freshman year in multiple positions. She was a necessity to the team. The first baseman started her junior and senior year.

Eligibility could hurt the team when filling positions for their losses. The team's other struggle could be the attitudes of the players. Thoughts and feelings have already affected the softball team.

Mount believes the team's attitudes will play a huge roll on their season.

"If the team stays positive they will play

better. If they're negative they won't make a good team," Mount said. Shyle Floyd believes the problem may be their senior status.

"There are not as many senior role models to show how the game is played," Floyd said.

Floyd hopes the team can overcome their losses. She thinks the biggest struggle the team will face is pitching.

"We don't have the experience on the mound as we did last year," Floyd explains. Last year, alumni Kylie Van Houten and junior Kinsey Van Houten ruled the pitching mound and now that Kylie graduated, someone will need to step up. Kinsey believes sophomore Taylor Blackford will be another main varsity pitcher.

Although they're going through many struggles the team works hard at practice everyday, 5:30 to 8. The team dedicates half of their summer to softball. Hopefully all their hard work pays off.



TENNIS

Change Of Ends.

The 2011 Tennis Season has been nothing but hard work and dedication for all teams. Both female and Male teams had an unbelievable season. The guys however seem to have hit the ball the Hardest. they all strived for victory in both the singles and doubles divisions. during the battles between Johnston and Urbandale each hoover athlete learned the importance and value in competition. Most games this season have been canceled do to the unbelievable act of rain. "Its Spring time, im just looking for a sunny day to be victorious!"- Senior, Joe Wildt like most athletes getting through conditioning is hard enough, but practice seems to get harder every single day. many players have been injured, including Joe Wildt. but that didn't stop the teams from winning and believing in themselves. although all 4 teams are a little bit rough around the edges, they all strive for that big W. when asked what is the most important goal of the season , most of the team said to win. while other teammates just want to have fun. Fun can come easy but a WIN, very difficult. but just leave it up to sophomore, Rena Knutson of the girls

Tennis team. Rena is a rebel when it comes to this game, but that doesn't stop her from wacking a couple balls off the court. "Tennis is a very challenging sport, but it helps me stay in shape." says Rena. the girls are great players but some just play for suntans. because those are important too, rite? maybe just in the spring time. all the seniors are having a great time and they all wanted to have a successful season and they did just that with their victories in the Regional team tennis. as well as the individuals. good job huskies



The girls team (left) gets ready for the big game. The boys team (above) watches an intense match.



Sophomore **Daniéla Pirel** (left) cheers on her team on a sunny day. Seniors Zach Klever and John Joy (left) pose for a picture.



Two Teams....

"MY TENNIS GIRLS ARE THE ONLY THINGS THAT KEEP ME SANE."

- COACH HARJES

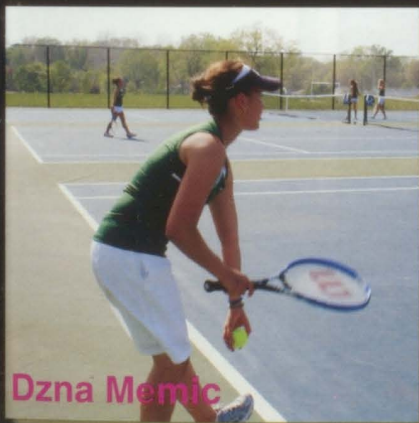


Sophomore Cole Klever (above left) gets ready for the game. Harisa Suvic (above right) hits the ball in anticipation. Senior Emily Young (right) picks up the ball using her racquet. Coach Carrie Harjes (below) talks with Junior Jessica Gist.

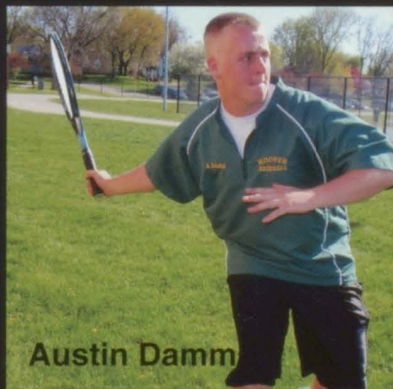


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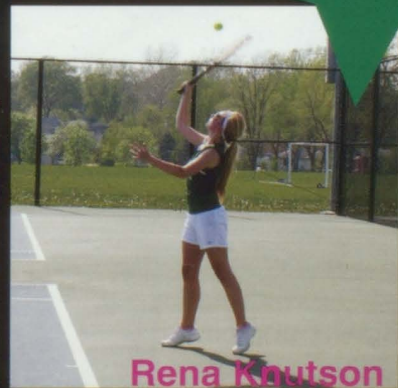
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One Dream.

FRESHMEN KICK SOCCER TO A NEW LEVEL

Four incoming players looking to make an impact.

Having very successful soccer teams in the past, head coach Josh Griffith is not expecting anything less, even with five starting freshman.

"We have a lot of talent this season, since we are very young it will take time but we have a lot of potential to do some very great things," Griffith said. Junior Samedin Sinanovic agrees with Griffith.

"Our season should go pretty good. We have a lot of young talent right now, so we can only get better," Sinanovic said. Freshman Isaac Moore is one of the starting freshmen

on varsity.

"I feel happy about starting varsity, I think I earned my spot by working hard during conditioning," Moore said. "Talent, hard work, dedication and a great attitude is how all the freshmen earned their starting spots," Griffith said.

The varsity team practices everyday that they do not have a game anywhere from one and a half to two hours. The practices consist of anything that needs to be worked on from previous games. As of now the team is not ranked, but the team believes that after they keep playing that they will be. Griffith believes that this team has many strong attributes that could get them far this season.

"This team is hard-working, have a never quit attitude, and they have the willingness to play for each other opposed to just themselves," Griffith said. Like any team, the Hoover boys soccer team is hoping to make it to state and bring home a state title for Hoover.

Haris Miftari



Samedin Sinanovic



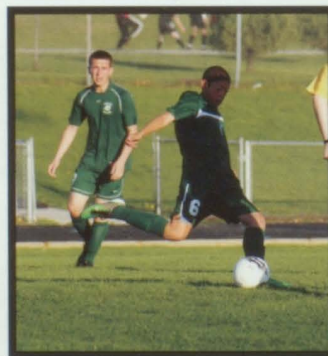
Isaac Moore



Hasib Stitkovac



Seniors Matthew Schiltz and Nile Jacobus (right) defend a Valley player.



Freshman Nicolas Orrante (above) kicks to make a goal.

Senior Graham Dawson (below) kicks the ball.



KICK YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS

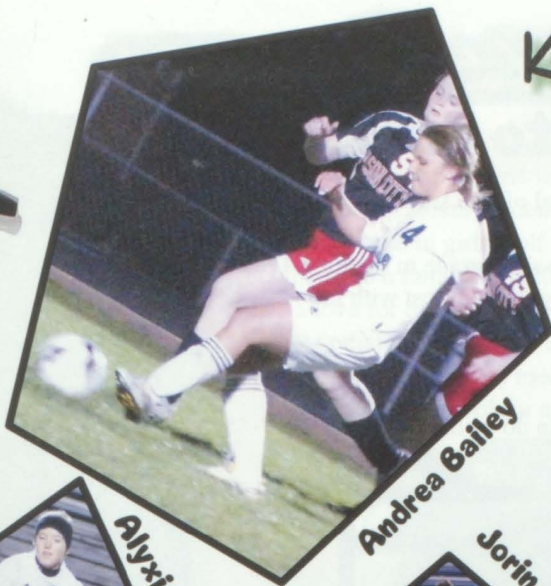
Huskies start the season off with good kicks on the girls soccer team.

Sophomore Larisa Cano thinks "soccer is a fun sport that keeps you motivated and it makes you want to push your self to the limit when your doing great in a game," Cano said.

Cano thinks the team started off well.

"Our first game was great. I think we started the season off very well," Cano said.

Soccer is starting an 2a & 3b teams that just might make a good impact on the team. Cano speaks on the 2a & 3b teams saying that its better that way because there are two games that gets to be played.



Andrea Bailey



Alyxis Beltz



Jorin Augustine



Savana Robinson



Assistant coach Hali Dolder (above) calls off the starting players.



Senior Andrea Bailey (above) tries to get the ball.



Senior Shyloh Crawford (above) kicks the ball back in the game.



Sophomore Randi McGregor (above) starts the game off with a great kick.

Boys' Golf Team Lacks Players

But team works hard to do well

The boys golf is lacking in number of players this season. There are a total of five students on the team and three returning golfers from last year.

Sophomore Tyler Gilbreath is one of the three. He has been golfing since sixth grade in the First Tee Program and has been involved since. Gilbreath thinks that what the boys golf team lost with the seniors of 2010 was "peopleness".

"We would like more people to go out for the golf team!" Gilbreath said.

Senior Jacob Brown has been on the team for four years.

"They (last year's seniors) inspired me to keep working hard because I can do well," Brown said.

"We're a young team and we don't have as much experience as a lot of other teams," he said.

Brown has enjoyed golf from a young age and his role model in life has been his mom.

"The first time I went (golfing), I went with my mom. She made me like the sport, but she didn't really teach me (how to play). I taught myself through watching the golf channel and looking through golf magazines," Brown said.

Some of the golfers have less experience but "they want to be better and they have the drive to work for it," Brown said.

Senior Jerod Smith said that he and "Sweet Pea" (Brown) are the leaders of the team.

"We pump the team up and try to make them better. We all help each other out. We talk to each other and keep the younger players up," Smith said.

Smith has been playing golf since he was 12, and was taught by his uncle.

"He's pretty amazing," he said.

Smith thinks that, even though the boys golf team is lacking in golfers, they can do well if they really work at it.

"We're down on kids, but we can be a pretty strong team," Smith said.

Steve Lundholm is the coach; Brown believes that Lundholm is what keeps the team together.

"Usually, the coach holds us together and keeps us calm," Brown said.

Even though the team is lacking players, they work to win and try to have fun doing it. All they need now are more golfers to join!!

"We would like more people to go out for the golf team!" Gilbreath said.



Clockwise from above: Sophomore Tyler Gilbreath watches the ball land. Senior Jacob Brown takes the putt. Brown checks his swing. Gilbreath putts the ball. Brown pulls his ball out of the cup on the ninth hole.



Tips From the Team

"Keep your head down when you swing." - Sophomore Dakota Allison



"Listen to the coach and stay focused on the next hole." - Sophomore John Jordan



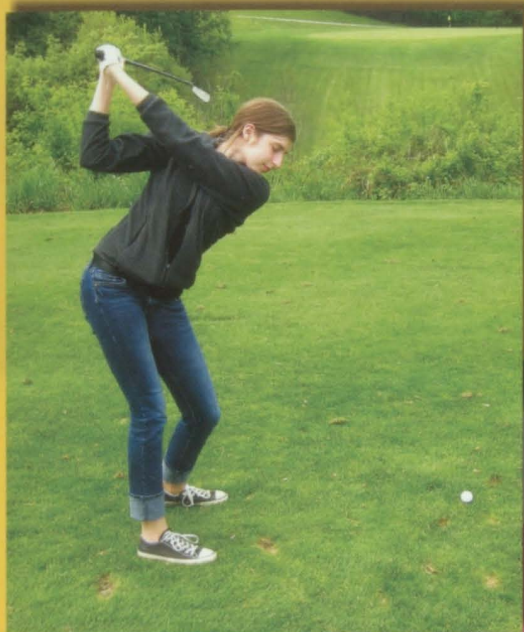
"Stay positive and hit the ball." - Senior Jerod Smith



SMALL TEAM, HARD WORKERS



Sophomore Elizabeth Lockin (above) walking away after an invitational. Sophomore Sydney Swift (right) putting the ball. Lockin (below) taking her swing.



There are only a few girls from Hoover that are playing on the girls' golf team this season. The team is made up of both Hoover students and Roosevelt students. Sophomore Lockin is a returning golfer on the team and has been in girls' golf since last year.

"I come from a family of golfers. My older brother golfed at Hoover for four years and all my relatives have a love for the game. It always seemed natural that I would join the team," Lockin said.

At practices they learn the rules of the game as well as how to perfect your stroke and other various skills. The meets are during the school week and sometimes they have to miss a whole day of school for a tournament. Their meets are held at courses around central Iowa.

"Golf teaches me patience above all else and the ability to pick yourself up after a bad round and get over it and strive to do better next time," Lockin said.

Lockin probably won't go out for golf in college, but the opportunity for a scholarship through golf keeps that option open.

Sophomores Sydney Swift and Megan Macrae are first timers at golf. They both joined because they heard about it from Lockin and they decided to play even though neither had ever played before.

There are a lot of rules to golf such as: when driving from the tee you must tee up between the markers and not more than two club lengths behind the markers and never in front. If the ball falls off the tee before you take a forward swing, you may replace it without penalty. But if you swing and miss after addressing the ball, it counts one stroke.

If you top the ball and knocked it off the tee it counts as a stroke and you have to play it where it lies. You may not improve your lie by moving, breaking, or bending growing vegetation, but you may move loose, natural obstacles such as leaves, rocks, or tree branches.

If you play the wrong ball, except in a hazard, you lose the hole in match play or are penalized two strokes in stroke play.

When the ball must be dropped you must face the hole, stand erect, and drop the ball behind you over your shoulder.

In match play, an opponent must take a penalty stroke if he moves a players ball. In both match and stroke play the player must place the ball on the spot from which it was moved. In stroke play there is no penalty if a player's ball moves an opponent's ball and the ball moved must be replaced. When both balls lie on the putting green the player whose ball strikes the other players' ball must take a two stroke penalty. "As frustrating as golf can be, there is just something about it that I can't put my finger on," Lockin said.

Golf Terminology

Away - Ball furthest from the hole

Green - The putting surface

Eagle - Two strokes under par for a hole

Birdie - One stroke under the designated par of a hole

READY . . . SET . . . GO!!



Junior Dajon James (above) positions himself for the 4x100m dash.

Student Expresses Why He Went Out for Track

Sweat, strength and endurance are all part of track. Just ask senior D'Quayvion Tate who is doing track for the first time does the 100m, 200m and 4x200m events. Different people have different reasons for going out for track.

"It's partly about friends pressuring me, but mostly because I want to be in shape to be a firefighter," Tate said.

There are many rewards to doing track, both short and long term.

"I realized I showed some potential at my first meet, that I could do

things I didn't think I could before. That I was good at something. It makes me want to get out there and try new things," Tate said.

"My proudest moment would be at my first meet when I ran in the 200m run. I started well and finished strong, bringing home first place. It's great when you come in first place, and you can help your team out in the overall scoring," Tate said.



Sophomore Davonte Wiggins jumps the hurdle and runs for a big finish.

DID YOU KNOW...

- The distance events for women are 3000m and for men its 5000m.
- The longest race is the marathon.
- There are actual walking races for men and women.

What It Takes to be the Star Runner

Speed, time and endurance are a large part of what makes up track. Just ask senior Devon Henderson.

Henderson has been doing track for six years now, returning this year as a senior to the team.

"I go out for many events. The 400m, 400m hurdles, 100m hurdles, and the 4x100m dash," Henderson said.

"The reason I go out is cause I've always been fast, even when I was a little girl,

so I thought, why not join a sport where I'm good at and win," Henderson said.

Sometimes girls track coach Megan Smith is a little harder on Henderson than the other girls.

"She does it because she loves seeing us push ourselves, going faster, and doing better," Henderson said.

"Every single meet, every single girl, improving every single time," Smith's quote she lives by as she coaches

each and every girl, striving to help them improve however she can.

"I've been to state before, but I didn't get a chance to win yet," Henderson said.

Henderson's hopes are very high for her future.

"I'm hoping my next time out there, I'll be coming back with a championship title," Henderson said.



Senior Devon Henderson (above) starts off the 400m hurdles. Henderson and Junior Dajon James (left) work together to prepare for their upcoming races.



Track Tips

- Always stretch.
- Drink a lot of water before running.
- always wear the correct shoes.
- always "Run for Fun"

Sophomore Kayli Flynn (above) begins to take the lead Junior Bakita Kak (right) runs to try and beat her competition in a meet at Hoover.



~"IT IS A ROUGH ROAD THAT LEADS TO THE HEIGHTS OF GREATNESS." ~ "DON'T BE AFRAID TO GIVE UP THE GOOD TO GO FOR THE GREAT." ~

~"YOU CAN FIGHT WITHOUT EVER WINNING, BUT NEVER EVER WIN WITHOUT A FIGHT." ~ "IF YOU FAIL TO PREPARE, PREPARE TO FAIL" ~





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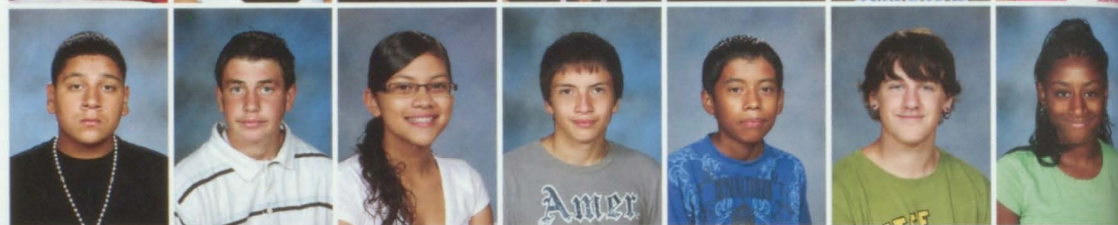
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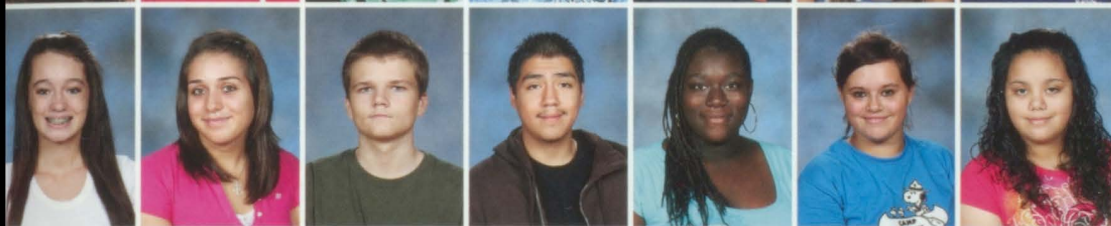
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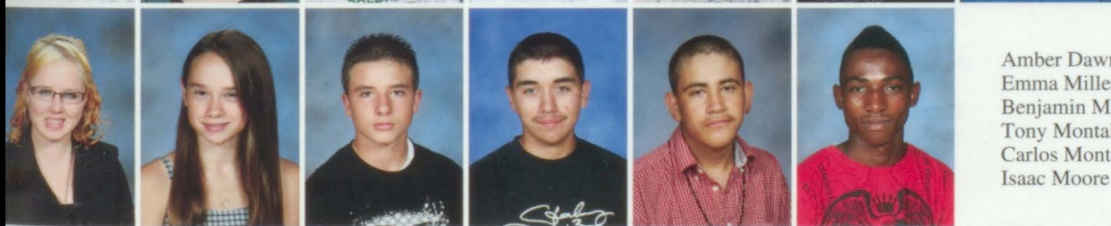
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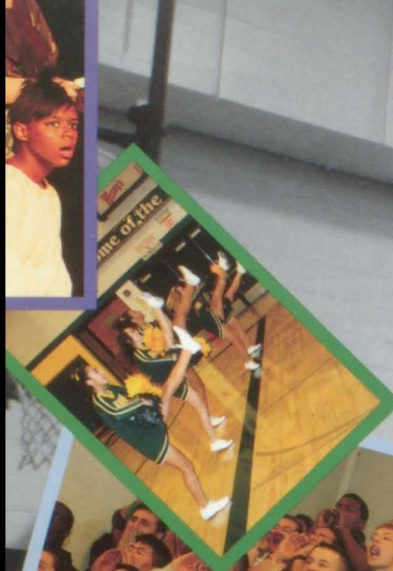
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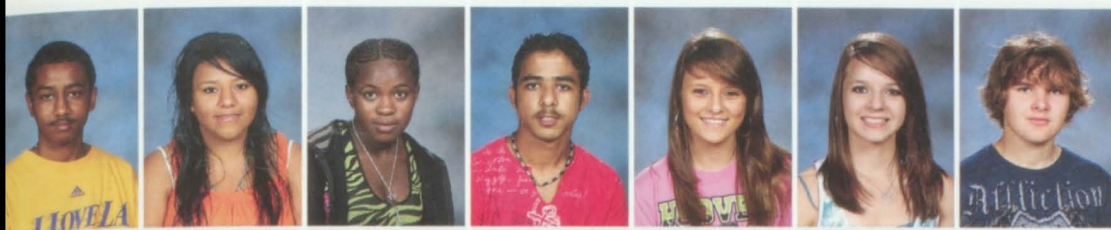


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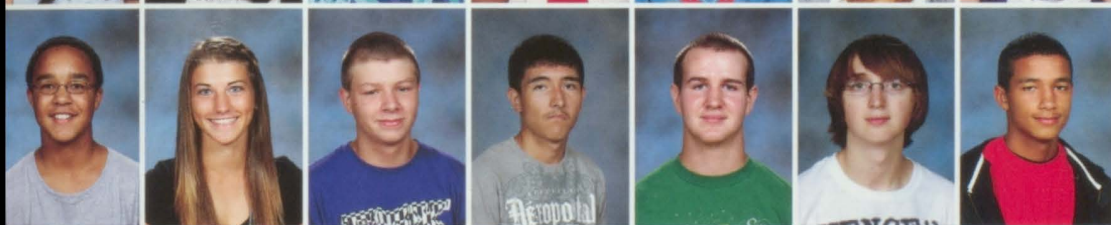
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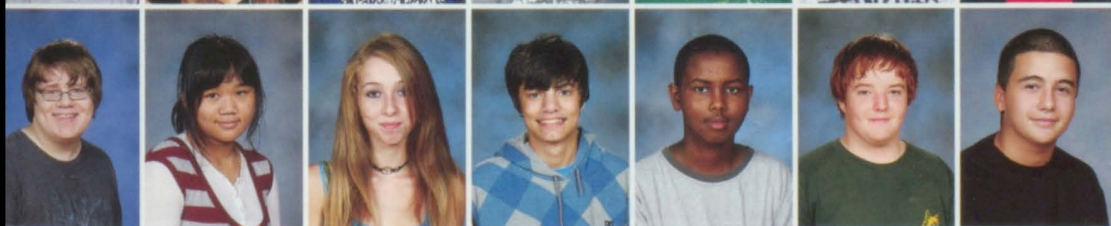
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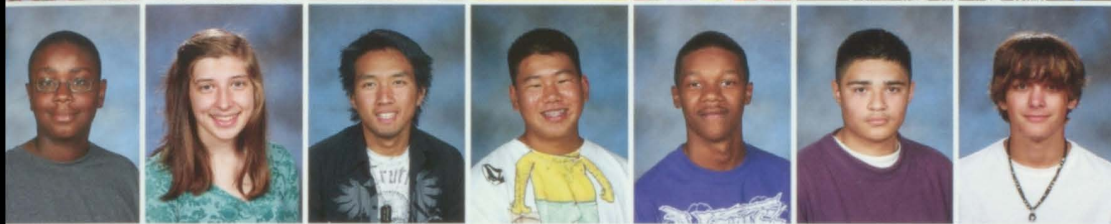
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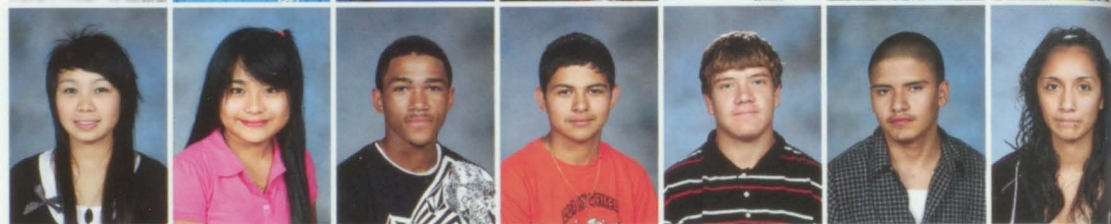
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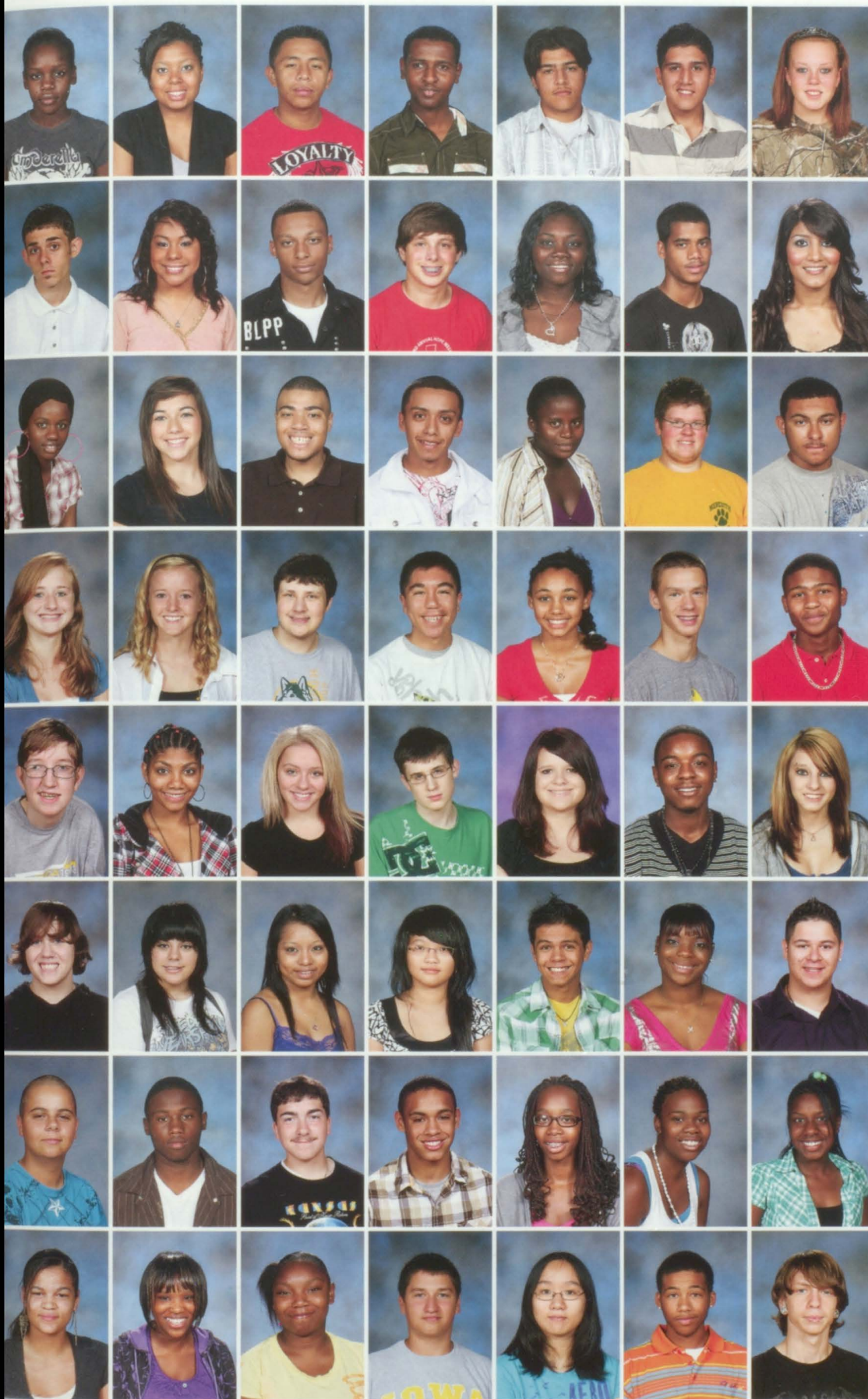
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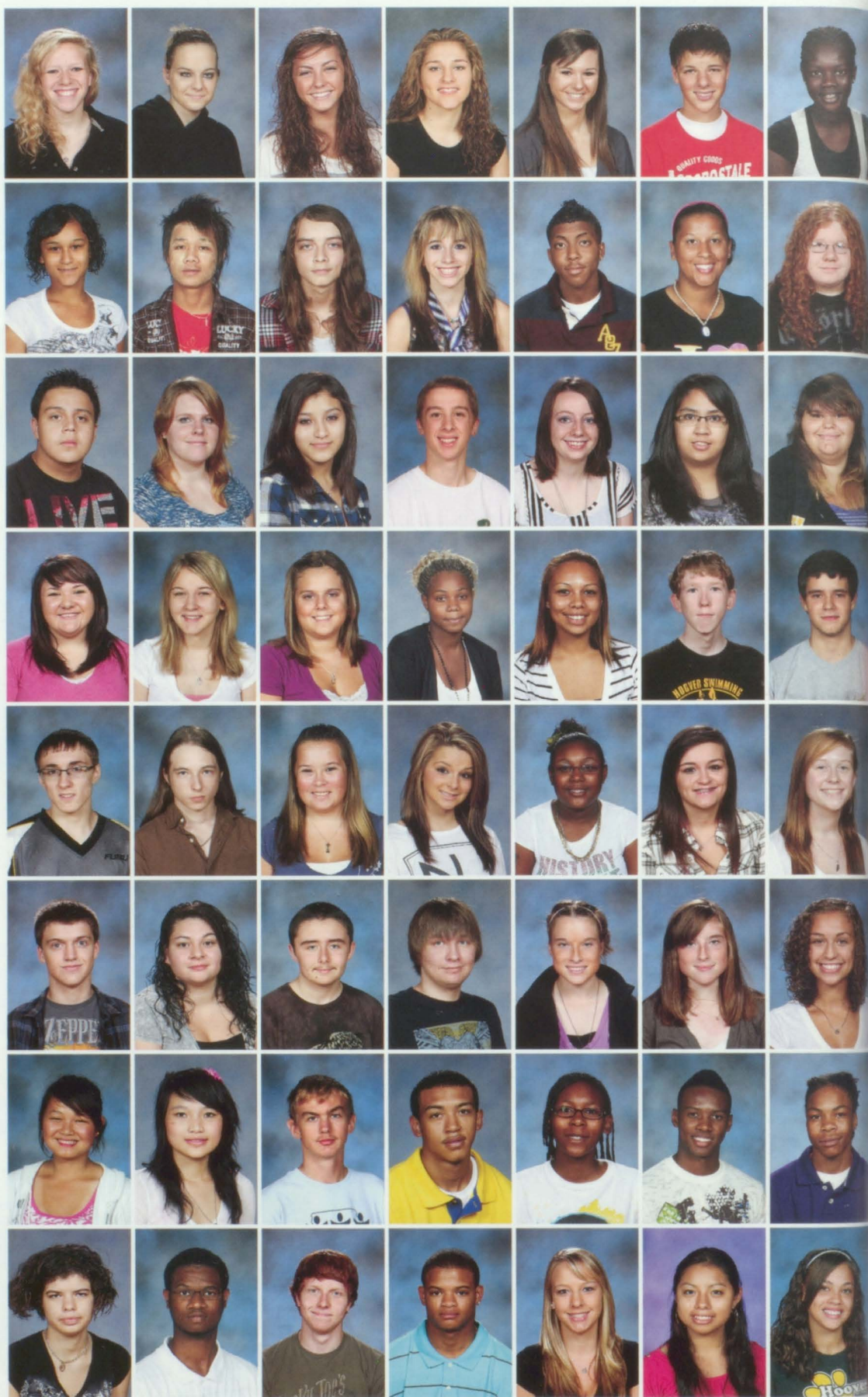
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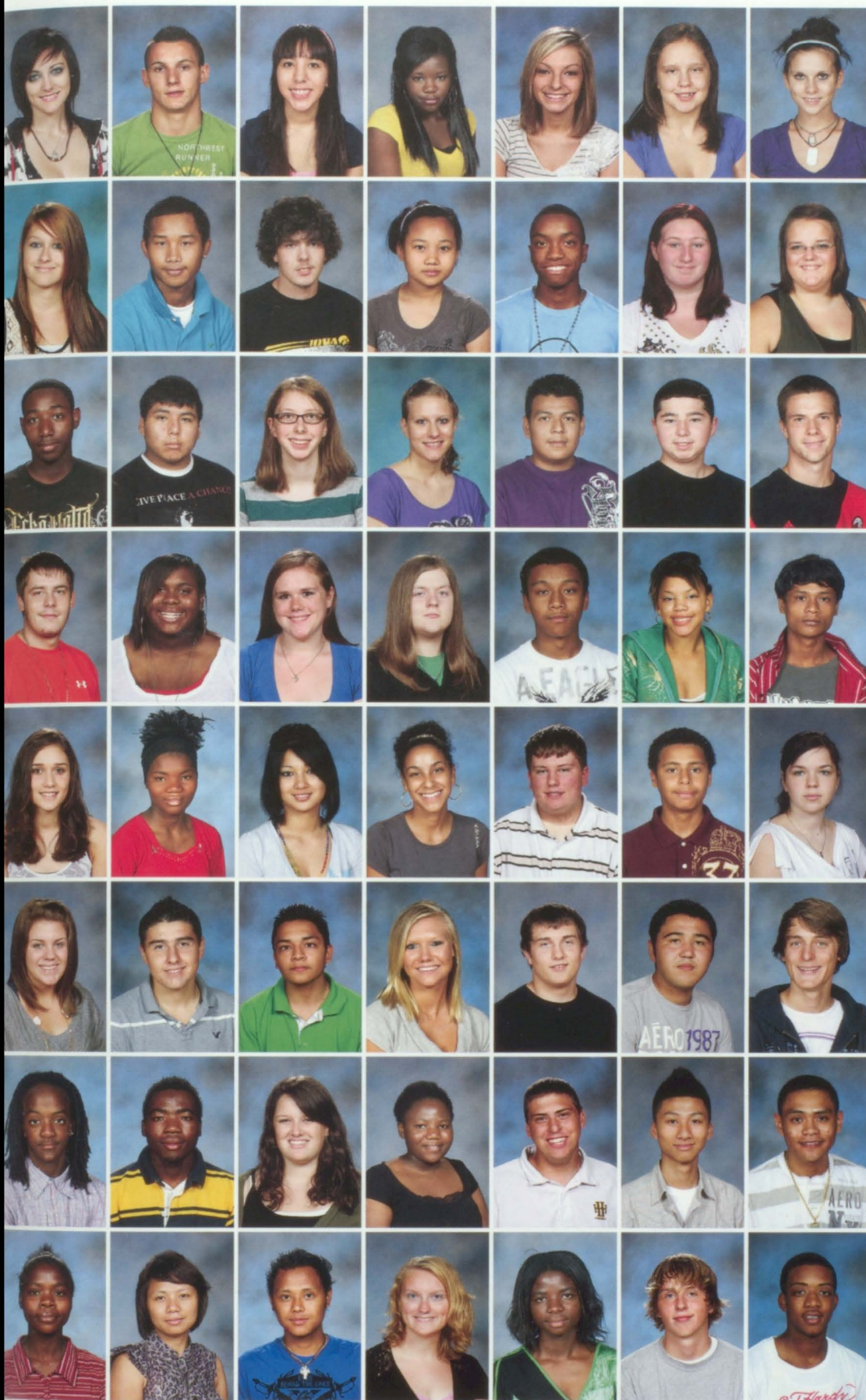
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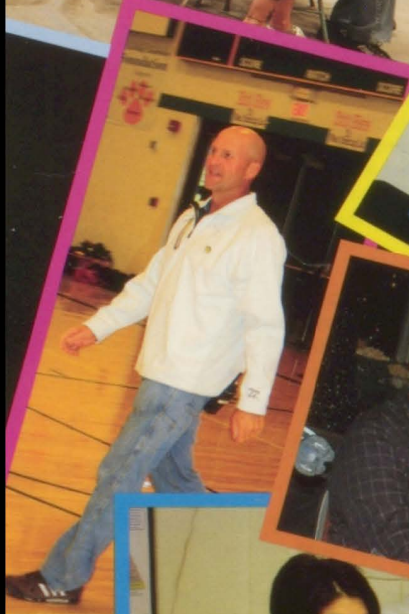
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Brown:
**"Life Challenges us in
all different ways."**

Hamilton:
**"The choices you make dictate
the lives you lead."**

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Jessie Johnston
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Candice Meier
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Joan Mickle
Rob Minick
Jeri Moritz
Janet Murillo
Maureen Murphy
Maribeth Newman



Janiece Ochoa
Diane Oleson
Roz Oliver



Greir:

"Every morning you wake up you have an opportunity to start over."

Griffin:

"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

McNeal:

"Character is determined by what you do when no ones looking."



Jeff Panek
Barb Peterson
Deanne Petts
Timm Pilcher
Susan Pille
Bill Proctor

Judith Renoux
DawnDa Roney
Judy Roseburg
Jonathan Rubino
Mark Schnurstein
Toby Sebring

Carolyn Seeley
Christopher Sellers
Dawn Sherman
Jennifer Shiek
James Sleep
Megan Smith

Marquesa Snyder
Shauna Soderstrum
Edmundo Soliz
Kirk Stevens
Elaine Tant
Danielle Taylor

Bj Van Vleet
Michael Vukovich
Nadene Wennerstrom
Alyssa Wensel
Kathryn Wharton
Douglas Wheeler

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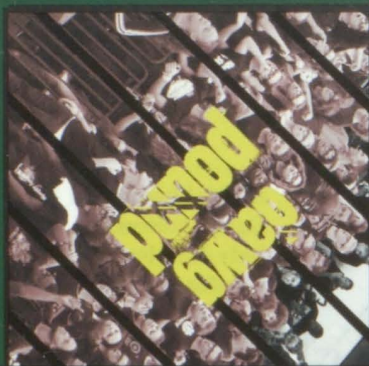
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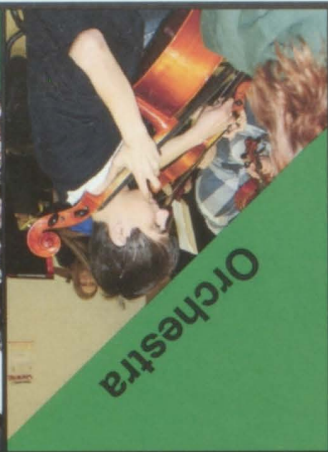
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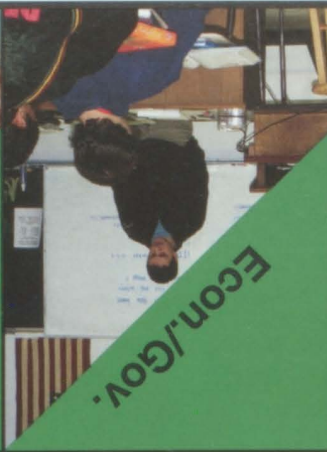
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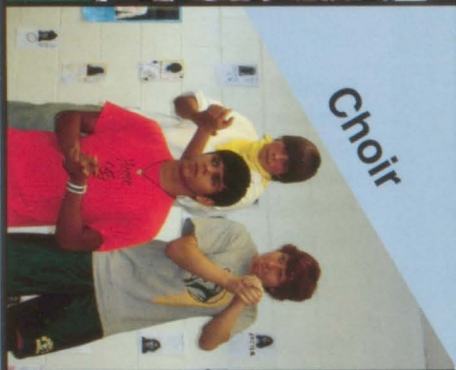
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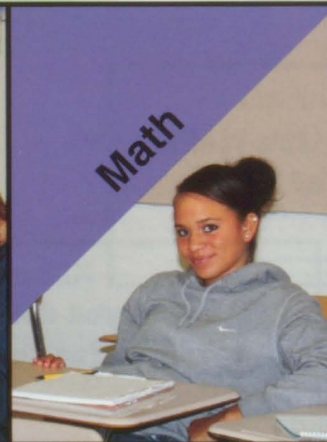
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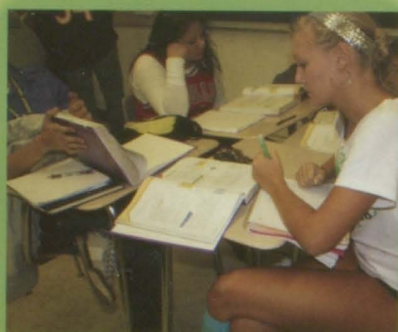
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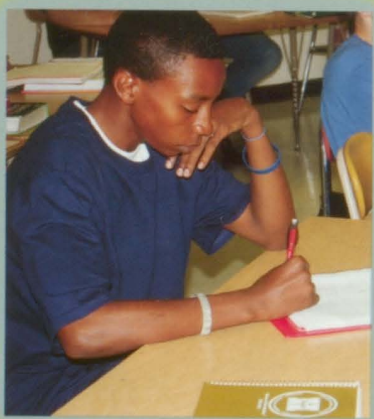
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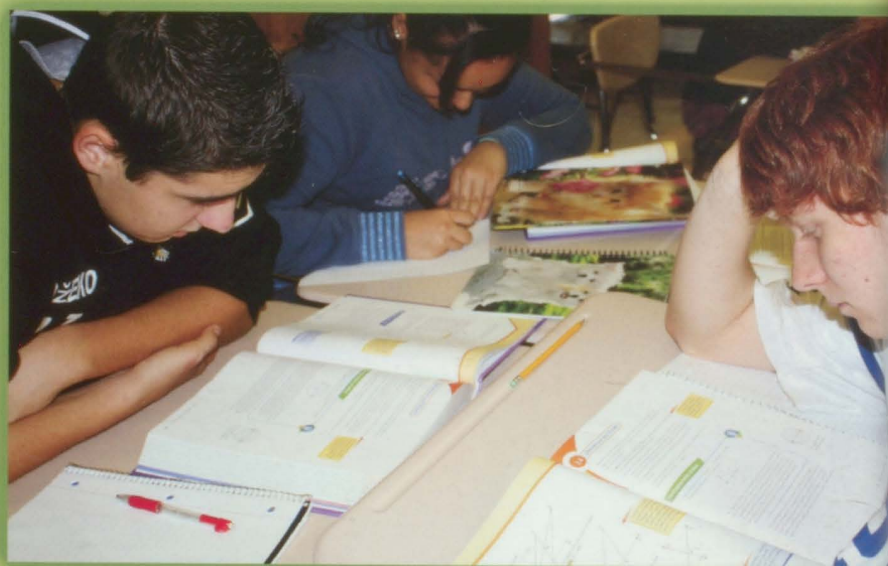
Junior Brooke Mericle and senior Paola Galvan are doing work in math teacher Josh Griffith's class.



Junior Sean Carnahan is writing in math teacher Maribeth Newman's class.



Junior Quinton Patton, is working hard in math teacher Megan Smith's class.



Juniors Musamed Mehmedovic and Jay Jacobson and senior Janeth Rodriguez are reading in math teacher Josh Griffith's class.

Math teacher DawnDa Roney had to learn a new book over the summer for her math classes. She has a master's degree in math and graduated from Azusa Pacific.

"I'm trying to improve on the way I taught last year," Roney said. Roney likes teaching because it's challenging and she never gets bored.

"Every day is a challenge and every challenge involves students understanding math and appreciating math," Roney said. The new book challenges the teacher to help the student become a learner. The new book emphasizes the student. The difference is with the new book the student is the director of understanding and the teacher is the supporter. Also, it's a new way of approaching math. It's less procedural

knowledge; more conceptual understanding. The students must be active participants in class. It emphasizes critical thinking and problem solving, not memorization and repetition. It also is much cheaper for a company to buy a computer than to pay a person's salary, therefore the teachers must teach the students to be thinkers, collaborators and problem solvers.

Roney has six classes: three algebra classes and three geometry classes. She starts her classes with a warm up, then checks homework, and then proceeds with new material, and at the end, leaves with an exit quiz. Roney has taught for 16 years.

Maribeth Newman has worked at Hoover for 14 years. Roney and Newman help with tutoring when needed. Roney has to learn new technology too, like the new calculators.

"Every student has different levels of comfort. In addition,

some are pushing different buttons. Then, they are lost the problem sequence. This confusion leads to frustration for the students," Roney said.

Newman is trying to improve on her teaching every year.

"I like to teach because I like kids and I enjoy when they get it," Newman said. Newman had to learn the new book, too. She read every day this summer. She took two classes: one in the spring and one in the summer.

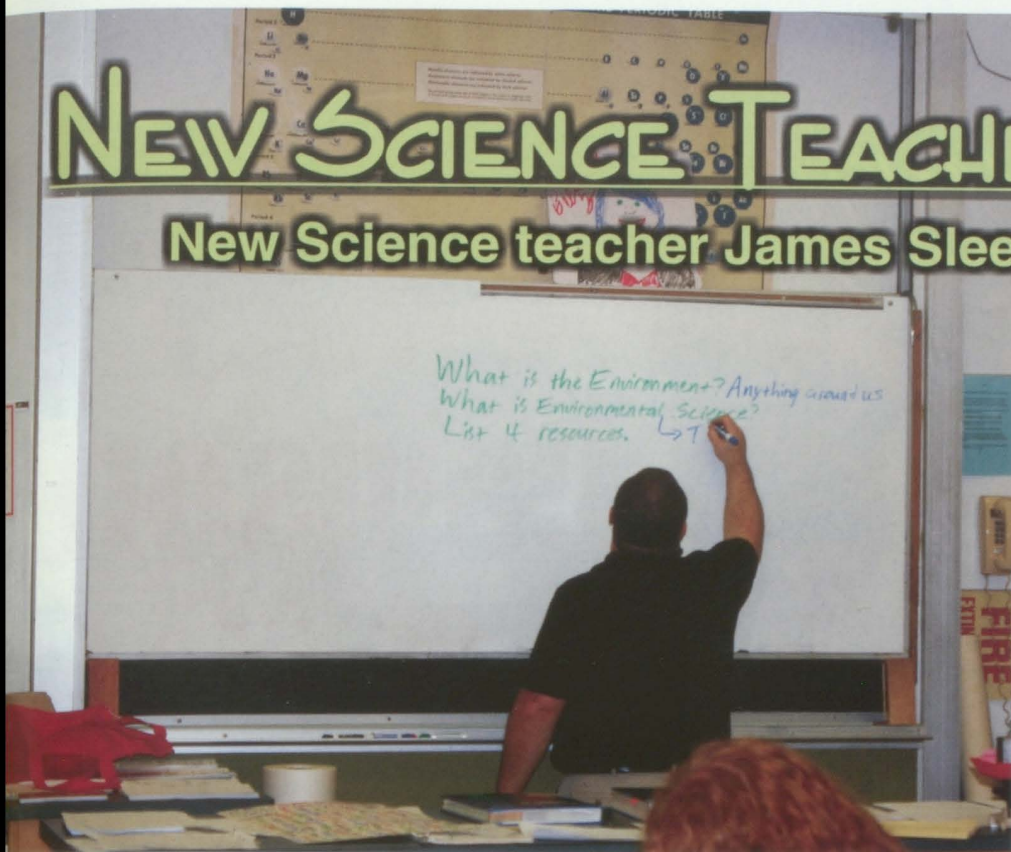
Newman said boys are no smarter than girls. "Bologna Girls are just as good as guys," Newman said. Newman thinks she has progressed with teaching.

"I just learned new ways to deal with kids and teach things," Newman said. Newman also thinks that she has seen kids progress in time. She has seen kids go and become doctors and engineers.

"I love it," Newman said.

NEW SCIENCE TEACHER

New Science teacher James Sleep likes his new job.



Science teacher James Sleep (above) writes directions on the board for the class to follow.

New science teacher James Sleep replaced former science teacher Greg Wildman.

"I was so excited," Sleep said when he got the call that he was going to be the new science teacher. "I just couldn't believe that I was going to get a shot at being a teacher."

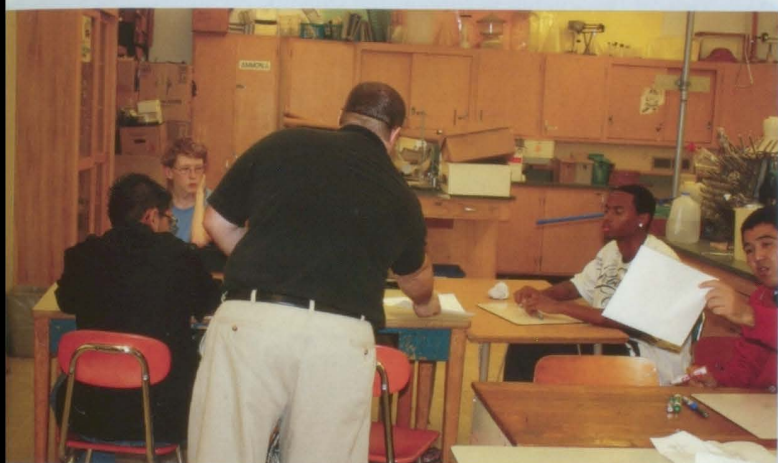
Sleep was a student teacher last year and so that made it kind of easy for him to get the job of full time teacher.

"I had my time being a student teacher so I thought I'd try it out to see what it would be like and it's awesome," Sleep said.

All the other teachers associated with the science department say that he is a good teacher and they are happy to have him here with them teaching and also the students like him.

Sleep says that he loves the students because "they like to have fun and they know when it is time to be serious."

Sleep said that becoming a full-time teacher didn't change his life much because he doesn't have any kids and he is not married so he has nothing to worry about except himself.



Science teacher James Sleep (above) helps students with an assignment. Juniors Quinton Patton and Jasmine Robinson (far right) do a lab with toy cars in physics class. Sophomore Taylor Sullivan and senior Stephanie Quernemoen (right) also work on the toy car lab in physics class.



History



Mrs. Davison

History teacher Amber Davison has been teaching for five years now. Davison says she mainly teaches freshmen but she does have a class that is sophomores and juniors.

"(It) depends on the day," Davison said when talking about when she enjoys teaching. Davison thinks working in groups is a good way for the students to learn.

"They are more interactive and more likely to understand the subject and ask questions," Davison said.

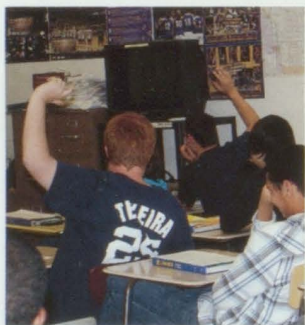
Davison thinks there are some difficult things in each lesson but as long as the students do what is needed, they'll pass.

"As long as the students show up, participate and ask questions they will be able to pass this class," Davison said.

Davison likes her job and she says it can be difficult.

"I want them to be able to analyze different sources and gather information," Davison said. She says it's a better learning experience when you teach different ways in groups, videos, notes, and computers. Its better then just sitting there an listening.

Davison says history is needed in and out of the class you'll need this information for college or whatever it is you're going to do. She thinks "the success of the students is all leaning on whether they want to expand or limit their choices," Davison said.



Seniors (above) sit in History teacher Ben Van Vleet's Econ class. Sophomore Chris DeJoode and senior Ben Markey (left) raise their hands to answer a



question. Junior Libby Dawes and senior Lauren Gingerich listen to History teacher Jason Danielson in history class.

Students (below) laugh in AP U.S. History.



DANEILSON VS. VAN VLEET

"Diversity and the different personalities." That's what Economics and Government Jason Danielson likes about Hoover.

"I like it; it's a lot of excitement and is never boring," said Economy and Government teacher Benjamin Van Vleet.

Danielson has been teaching for six years, five at Hoover. Van Vleet has just started here at Hoover. He has been teaching for six years. He teaches economics, but mostly government and world history. Danielson just realized right out of college that it was the job for him. He also went to school at Hoover.

"(My inspiration to teach every day is) hoping that I can help people develop the skills and other things they need," Danielson said.

"Seeing the students succeed is very inspiring to me," Van Vleet said. "School is essential."

"School is a place where people can figure out who they are, and what they want. We as teachers help them with learning and skills," said Danielson.

Teaching is one of Danielson's passions, but he also likes to do a lot of stuff with music, like jazz and piano. But playing the piano, art in general, and going to plays and concerts are his main passions. What made him start to strive for musical excellence? He began when he was eight years old. He mainly wanted to play

the saxophone, but when he played the piano he knew that's what he wanted to do. Doing this helps him to relax and relieve stress.

Teaching is just something Van Vleet has always done, but he also loves to coach. At his old school, he coached baseball and now works with the Hoover team. How does he teach and take care of things at home? Well, at home, he tries to be more of a parent than a teacher. Danielson tries to keep family a priority. He gets to school early in the mornings so he can leave earlier.

"Sometimes, teaching gets hard. There's a lot of work and preparation," said Danielson. "The most frustrating thing is when most kids just don't do their work or just don't care." He never feels angry, but there are times when he's frustrated and gets stern.

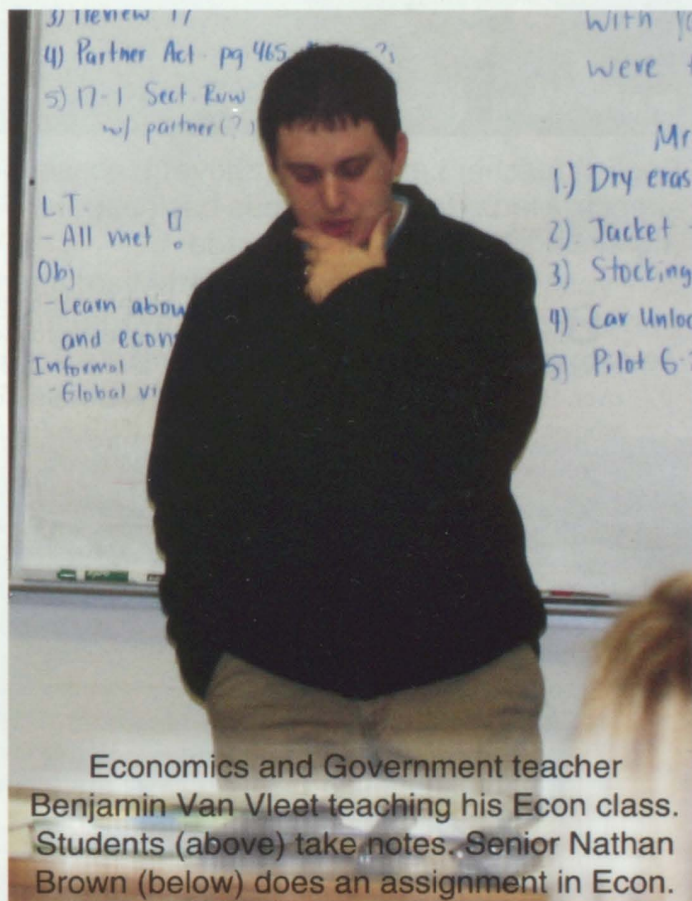
"Umm, (an ideal school would have) more options for kids to take. I think all teachers would care enough about the kids' learning and all kids should show up," Danielson said.

"My motivation in teaching is to listen to the research and do what's right for the kids," Van Vleet said.

"I always try the best teaching methods. I would be cheating my students if I didn't," said Van Vleet.

It seems like both of these men care a lot about their family, kids and the school and want everyone to get an equal and fair education.

ECONOMICS AND GOVERNMENT



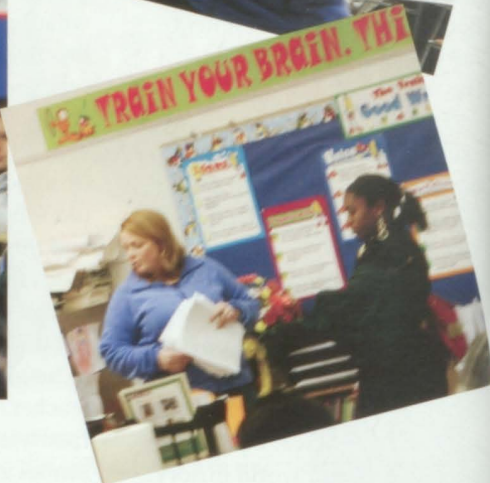
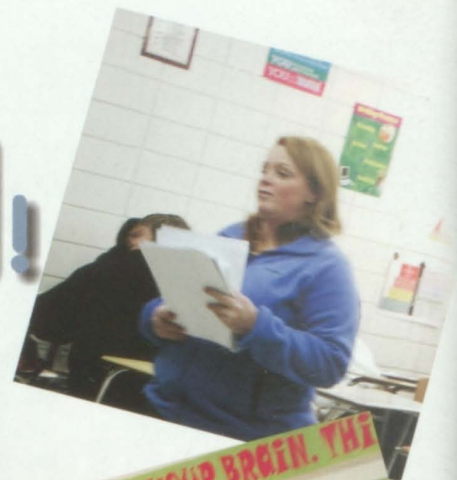
Economics and Government teacher Benjamin Van Vleet teaching his Econ class. Students (above) take notes. Senior Nathan Brown (below) does an assignment in Econ.



Mr. Eller OUT MRS. MERTZ IN!



English teacher Leah Mertz (above) teaches the class about parts of speech. Mertz (top right) hands back papers. Freshman Artorria Jung (right) asks Mertz about her grade.



Since English teacher John Eller resigned his job, a new teacher has taken over. Her name is Leah Mertz. Mertz, who graduated from Urbandale High School, class of '94, has substituted at schools like Waukee and student taught at Lincoln High School and for other English classes throughout the district. Mertz was nervous at first, but excited about having a real position as an English teacher.

"She has done a great job and is really fun!" her students say.

Mertz says its important to her that her students learn something new and

valuable by the end of this year in her classroom "so we can move on in life". She is a life long learner and often takes classes just for the sake of it. Therefore, she is going to provide the same learning experience for her students. Her goal by the end of this year is "to build a relationship with my colleagues and students. Also, to become familiar with the new curriculum and develop great strategies to help my students succeed."

Mertz's favorite form of learning is modeling and hands on learning which she says is engaging and effective.

Mertz's favorite thing about Hoover is its diversity and how the students are

open-minded, but wishes more students would be serious about their attendance and grades.

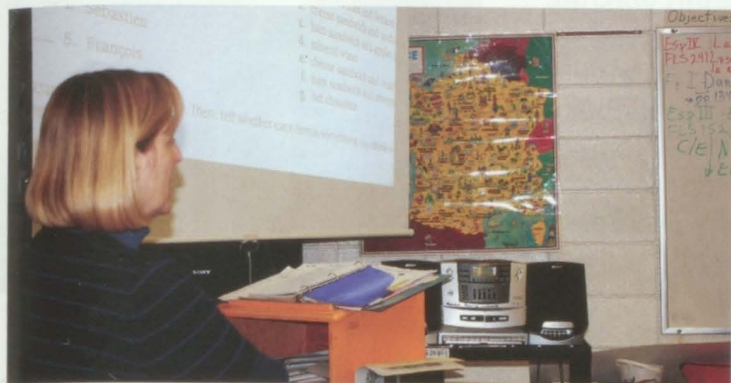
"Many people stopped in and checked on me frequently. The English department has been awesome to work with and Mr. Danielson has been the best neighbor!" Mertz said about her first few days and weeks.

Her words of encouragement to students are "think before you act. Sometimes the consequences of our actions seem so far away they aren't important, but someday they will be important."



BIENVENUE SUR LE FRANCAIS ET CLASE DE ESPAÑOL

"Welcome to French and Spanish class."



Spanish and French teacher Mary Dycus (above) is going over a French assignment with the class.

French teacher Beth Eilers who used to teach here at Hoover is now is at Central Academy. Her position was cut from Hoover and was placed at Central. She's been teaching for about 23 years and still likes her job.

For some students, it isn't convenient for them to have to take a ride to Central and back. Some students miss their lunch and with block scheduling, it doesn't give them enough time to understand and learn it properly. It also is harder for students to stay after class or go in the next day to make up work.

Eilers has mostly French this year, unlike years past where she would have both Spanish and French. As focused as she tries to be, sometimes a French word may slip in when she teaches Spanish.

"It's exciting to be at Central and meet students from all over

the district. I love my Hoover students best," Eilers said.

Keeping students engaged is a way she controls her students.

"Hoover was a great place to teach and I cherish the friendships I made, both with students and other teachers. But I'm excited to have the opportunity to work and teach French in a different setting. Change is difficult but can be good too," Eilers said.

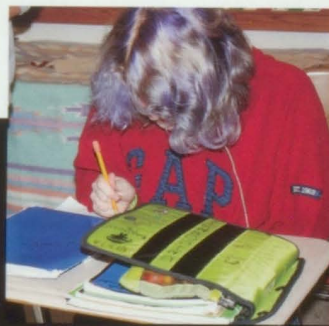
Spanish teacher Mary Dycus has been teaching for more than 15 years at Hoover. Dycus also balances both languages as well. Dycus believes in speaking the language as much as possible in her class and getting each student to speak everyday.

Dycus thinks Spanish is easier because the sounds are always the same letters while French has more of a creative spelling.

"Language is culture, culture is language," Dycus said.



Sophomores Marquise Gwenigale and Sydney Sconiers (above) play Bingo in Spanish as a review for a test. Junior Alen Samardzic (below) works on his French assignment.

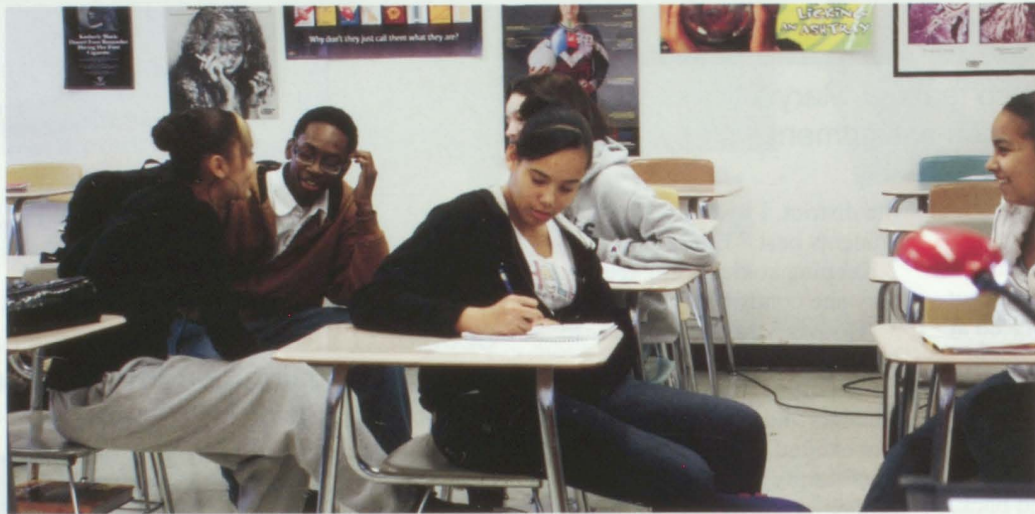


Sophomore Molly Riordan (left) works on an assignment by herself in Spanish class.

FACTS ABOUT FACS



Students (left) sit and do book work in sewing class. Senior Anris Cofeild (right) washes dishes after cooking a meal in his foods class. Students (below) in FACS teacher Danielle Taylor's Personal Health and Development class try and finish work before the bell rings.



Why do you enjoy being a FACS teacher?



"Everyday is different and they get to do hands on activities."

Keresten Conn



"I'm able to teach many different hands on skills that help students in the outside world." Wright said. "It's fun because they get to make new things."

Tracy Wright



"I can talk about real life things and I enjoy doing projects and labs."

Danielle Taylor

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

Clicking until the last minute

Computer applications are taught by computer and accounting teacher Kathleen McNeal. Students say they enjoy the class though there is sometimes a lot of work. The class is not required to graduate for high school but many students take this class just to get a credit. They find out that the class is more interesting than they thought it would be.

Sophomore Asia Hobbs thinks the class is fun.

"The class is fun and Ms. McNeal teaches it very well," Hobbs said.

Taking this class prepares you for different computer jobs some people will have when they get older. Sophomore James Wright doesn't think he will get a job when he will be doing this stuff.

"Computers isn't something I will be doing when I get older but it is a good skill to keep up on," Wright said.

Junior Jessica Schwarz (above left) gets help from Computers teacher Kathleen McNeal. Sophomore July Paw (far left) works on her final. Sophomore Conner Daza (left) waits until the bell rings.

Students (left) work hard during finals week in Computer Apps class. Sophomore Jasmin Kapetanovic (above) works on an assignment.

RIDE THE SAFETY TRAIN



Industrial Tech teacher Jeff Jansen stresses safety

"Pay attention!" Industrial Technology teacher Jeff Jansen said.

"Safety is the most important thing I teach my students in the shop," Jansen said.

Jansen started teaching because he was inspired by his industrial teacher when he was in high school. He wanted to be like him and see the happy faces on students' face when they succeed in completing a difficult project.

"We do a few basic projects in woods and end up making a cabinet at the end. The students really have a fun time in class," Jansen said.

Sophomore Timothy Downs was in woods class when he had an accident.

"It was my fault. The guard on the saw table didn't go down and

it was an accident," Downs said, referring to the accident towards the end of first semester that took two of his fingers.

"I have only had one serious accident in my 20 years of teaching these shops" Jansen said.

"It was something that just couldn't be prevented. The safety guard that stops the saw from doing something terrible just didn't work right," Downs said.

"I don't really remember much after it started. I just ran to the nurse and was rushed to the hospital. It wasn't long until I was sent to surgery," Downs said.

"After the surgery, I was kept in the hospital for about three days before I could come home," Downs said.

"I always try to stress safety in all of my classes," Jansen said.



Senior Juwan Hughes (top) uses a gas torch to make his project. Jansen (above) works on making a metal box. Senior Tanna Leaf (below) works on bending metal for her project.



STUDENT COUNCIL . . .

...Taking Charge

Student Council is more than a class even though they meet during 4th block on Gold days. Student council has a lot of responsibilities which are planning the homecoming and winter formal dance, pep assemblies, Student of All Season, Hooverama, Ironman and sometimes buy out assemblies.

"Student Council is planning for events at school and to make them better," Freshman Artorria Jung said.

Coming up with these ideas are not always a piece of cake. Student Council has to come up with an idea they all like, get it approved by Mr. Wheeler, then decide what supplies will be needed and the cost of the supplies.

Student Council does not have just one important event to concentrate on. All the events take the same amount of thought and hard work. Homecoming and Winter Formal come first on the list though. Student Council has to make sure the theme makes the student body happy and have enough creative ideas to make the dance fun and a success.

Pep assemblies come next; Student council has a

total of five each year not counting buy out assemblies like Ironman. The pep assemblies are important because it must be planned out till the first person steps in and steps out of the gym. During Homecoming and Student of All Seasons assemblies, for example, they have to make sure the court/nominees are there on time with their information sheets ready to go.

Cost is also a big subject in Student Council.

"We have a budget; we can not go out and buy whatever we want," Junior Sierra Goodson said.

Buy out assemblies usually consist of a fun activity that the teachers and student body can get involved in then the students that want to watch and attend must pay one dollar to come. These activities allow Student Council to raise money.

This year to make profit they raised the Homecoming tickets to ten dollars and the Winter Formal tickets to twelve dollars.

"Next year I think we have a pretty good idea on what we are going to do so I hope money won't be an issue," Goodson said.



Student Council Members: **Front row:** seniors Jocelyn Merino, David Mwirichia, Kiana Roppe and junior Katie Steingrabe. **Second row:** freshman Artorria Jung, sophomore Sydney Sconiers, junior Connor Cunningham, senior Ashley Johnson and advisor Kirk Stevens. **Back row:** senior Binh Nguyen, juniors Sierra Goodson, Brittany Wells and sophomore Marquise Gwenigale.





P.E. & P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E.

If you go into the small gym during 2nd block on green days, you'll find Special Education students and their helpers playing games and interacting. That would be P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. (Physical Education Opportunities for People who are Exceptional Learners). If you go into the weight room or big gym, you'll find double the amount of kids playing games and interacting as well; that would be P.E.

"I became a special education teacher because I grew up in the Hoover neighborhood. There was a kid who lived down the street who was older and had special needs. His name was Steve. He was friendly and he would always ride his bike up and down the street. Kids on the street would make fun of and tease him. I became friends with him. That memory just stuck with me. That would be such an isolated life. P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. helps to break down those walls that separate people. I also became a special ed teacher because you make such a connection to families. I have these students all four years," Special Ed teacher Cindy Grandquist said.

Every other day in the small gym, special ed students, who are required for it or who has a choice, has gym. Helpers of any age can come in and work with these students.

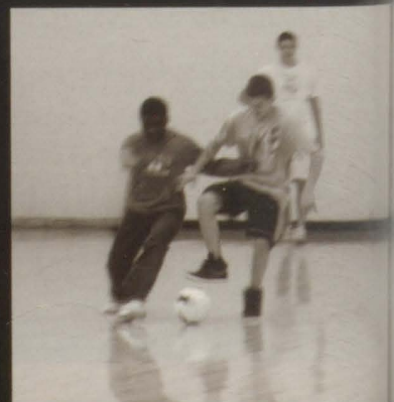
"People who join P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E., their hearts open up and the walls are torn down a little at a time. There's a whole other world out there," Grandquist said. Anybody can be a helper during Gold 2, of any age and as long as they're schedule fits.

"I enjoy teaching gym because I get to better know my students, I help them stay active, and they learn how to make better choices," gym teacher Carrie Harjes said. P.E. is taught by three different teachers. Sometimes the classes go together, however, sometimes they do separate things. P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. nor P.E. teaches nutrition, however Grandquist does teach it to her students in another lesson.

"All of gym is very beneficial. We have cardio, weights, activities, medicine balls," Grandquist said. The weight room has recently gotten new equipment as of this year. Gym classes have a variety of activities to do each semester. Everything from badminton, yoga, hockey, tennis, as well as many more.

"Gym is beneficial to students health because it can show them what they can do," Harjes said.

Freshman Brian Hull, senior Jerod Smith, junior Carson Lisk, sophomore Matt Pearson, and senior Shartasha Heard (below) play basketball in gym class. Students in P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. (bottom) play different games. Every student is required to take gym for a semester each year they are in high school.



ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL IT'S FUNNY HOW ART DOESN'T HAVE A FACE...

(Below Clockwise) A Piece of artwork from freshman Terion Farley, junior Louie Ingoli doing a self portrait, senior Chase Herron and Alexandra Garrett also drawing self portraits in Pat Jensen-Bock's class, freshman Malachi Canada's artwork, more pieces of Farley's art, senior Taylor Atchison's self portrait and a photo she snapped of a staircase, Atchison, and Canada's origami.



Freshmen Terion Farley is in Art teacher Janet Murillo's second block class along with some of his friends. Freshmen Malachi Canada is in her first block class.

"The class isn't hard at all really, because we're only graded on effort," Farley said. Farley's super happy because he's not the best drawer in his opinion. Canada would never drop this class because "I like it, and I like Mrs. Murillo. She's a good teacher." He has fallen asleep a few times but his work is always done before he takes his nap.

Senior Taylor Atchison likes to shoot photos for photography class down town because there is a lot of different things and the sun light. Farley likes to draw in his room on his

desk. Atchison doesn't believe in grading someone on something they can't do well. You can't put a grade on art.

"My cousin Rashawnda Daniels inspires me," Canada said. Canada's favorite project was his origami project, because it was fun. Also, that's all they had to do for like a whole month or so. Farley likes to paint anything. He claims it's super easy.

Atchison doesn't have an inspiration. Sometimes she just gets an idea out of nowhere. Canada and Farley do the same things, but they do it at different times. Farley took art because they put it on his schedule; on the other hand Atchison took photography because she had a free period.

"My dad thought I had skill, so I took it," Atchison said. Atchison loves taking photos of people. They wouldn't think

they were pretty, but everybody's different. She really likes to shoot, then gets depressed and sad when there's no more film.

The first picture Canada remembers drawing was a picture of his family. Atchison's uncle was a freelance artist, and her mom and dad just take pictures for fun. Canada and Atchison wouldn't drop these classes because they enjoy them, but Farley would because he doesn't always agree with the teacher.

"I just don't like her because she's an art teacher and I can't draw," Farley said. "My Grandma Earnestine 'Neney' Farley inspires me, because I look up to her in many different ways," Farley said. "So, I'm going to do everything I have to do to succeed in here and in life."



Freshmen
Terion Farley



Senior
Taylor Atchison



Freshmen
Malachi Canada

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Sophomore Madi Jones (below) works on their new system, Word Press, in newspaper class. The newspaper staff (left) works on layouts and stories. Senior Billy Rotza and sophomore Salko Muftic (below right) work together on Word Press in class. Newspaper interview notes (behind story).



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WHAT YOU NEED TO TURN OUT A NEWSPAPER

The Challenger staff is missing its previous editor, Junior Aleksandra Vujicic. It's a whole new experience with a whole new staff. Sophomore Elizabeth Lockin thinks that it's different without an editor, but that the staff is doing well with working together.

"It's different without an editor. It's a team effort. We all have adopted the role of editor," Lockin said.

Lockin is new on the newspaper scene, as well as most on the newspaper staff this year, but she knows the ropes from taking Journalism.

"You have a story, interviews, pictures, side bars. Accuracy and deadlines, you have to keep them in mind. Pilcher prepares well. He doesn't sugar coat anything and all the skills you take from Journalism, you use in

newspaper," Lockin said.

Publications teacher Timm Pilcher has high hopes for this year's Challenger staff.

"This year's group is extremely creative. This year, they're taking another step. I like to think that I teach the students to think. I want them to think critically and not just take things for face value," Pilcher said.

Both Lockin and Pilcher agree that the staff is less organized without having an editor. Pilcher is taking over the role of editor to try and get the staff back on track and bring back the nationally recognized Challenger.

Deadlines and accuracy are big components in newspaper.

"Accuracy is key. Accuracy and deadlines. Some people have what it

takes, some don't. If you can't do your work on a deadline, you're in the wrong business. Newspaper's highly dependent on deadlines," Pilcher said.

Vujicic wasn't able to be Editor in Chief this year because of scheduling. She said that you have to be focused on newspaper to be in it.

"You really have to devote your life. Last year I felt like it was eat, sleep, and breathe newspaper. You really have to commit to it," Vujicic said.

Lockin believe that this year's staff comes together well and that they'll succeed with the newspaper.

"Everyone has a specialty; their own niche. We're a good mix of people and we're well-rounded. We work pretty well together. I'm really optimistic for second semester," Lockin said.

ONLY MEETS A DEADLINE

[Yearbook]

-TIMM PILCHER

Staff members discuss deadlines and goals

Meeting deadlines is very important in the yearbook class. If you don't meet deadlines, you fail. Senior Mallory Sims thinks meeting deadlines isn't hard.

"If you do your stuff, it shouldn't be hard," Sims said.

Sophomore Kristina Ryan thinks meeting deadlines is stressful.

"It's kind of stressful but it's good for you," Ryan said.

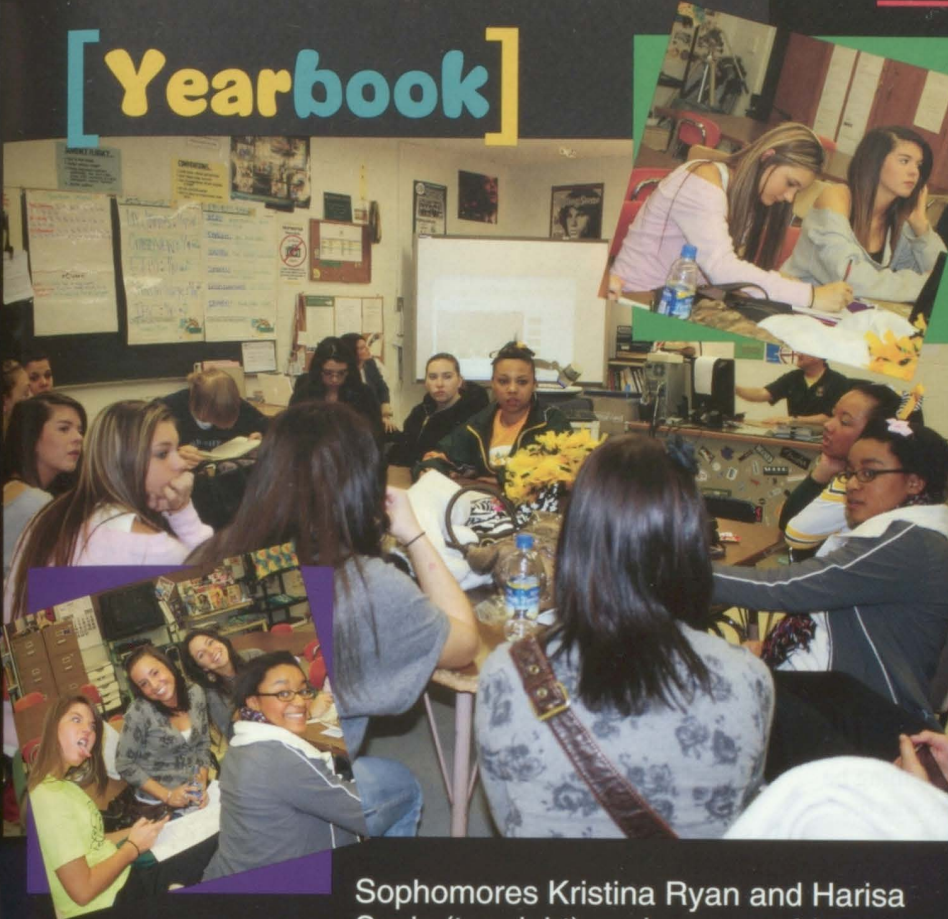
Both Sims and Ryan have goals for the yearbook.

"(My goal is for) it to be freaking awesome. I think it will be the best book yet out of the four years I've been here," Sims said.

"(My goal is) for everyone to like it and have the student body be like 'Oh, this is really cool,'" Ryan said.

Even though Ryan has only been in yearbook one semester, she says she would like to be the editor someday.

"I think I will like the fact that I would see the end product and say I was the editor of that. I think it's good leadership and experience and also good for resumes," Ryan said.

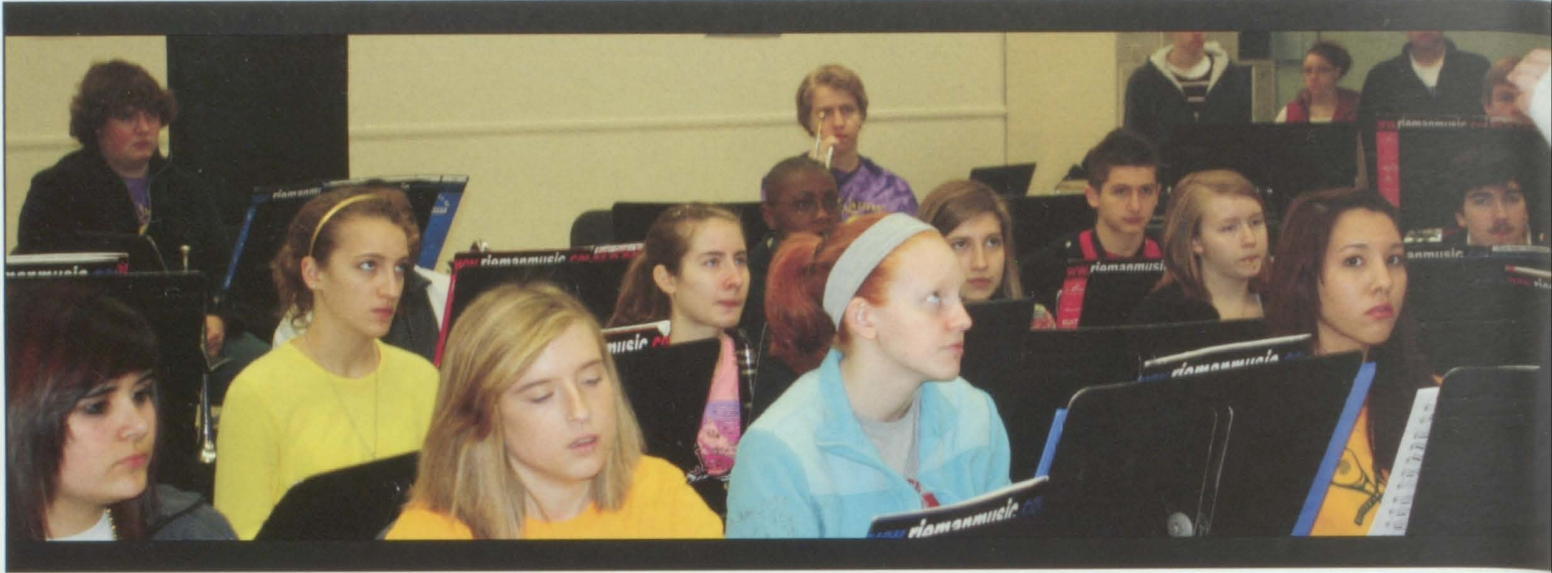


Sophomores Kristina Ryan and Harisa Suvic (top right) work on page ideas.

The yearbook staff (center) do storyboard and share ideas. Juniors Jasmine Russell, Jenna Wilson and seniors Sophie Morris and Alyse Messa pose for a picture.



MARCHING BAND BACK OR NOT?



The band (above) listens to Mr. Hoepker explain the music. This year the band had a guest composer come in from Great Britain to teach them about his inspiration and his music.

Sophomores Tyler Bainter, Kayli Flynn and Jacob Scott are all in band.

Bainter has been in band for six years and plays the flute because he enjoys it. He looks for inspiration from every musician.

Band doesn't have a marching band for the second year in a row. It made Bainter upset.

"That's what high school bands do. They march," Bainter said.

He doesn't practice outside of band but when he does, he sometimes practices with

someone else.

"It is very important to know others," Bainter said. This is something that he will continue in college. The main thing he got out of this class was the knowledge of music.

"Music is life and with the knowledge gifted to us from band we can fully understand how a lot works, like a band. All the people, all the parts have to work together to make a beautiful piece of art," Bainter said.

Scott has been in band for about six years and currently

plays clarinet. The reason Scott picked the clarinet was because he loves the sound and he says it feels right.

"I am trying to pick up trumpet and tenor drum (also)," Scott said.

Scott has always looked up to composers because they understand it so well and they can write music. The reason he got into band was for the love of music and he wanted to broaden his horizons.

"I set up with my music and just play until I get it right," Scott said.

Not having a marching band didn't please him either.

"I really enjoyed marching band, so I'm pretty disappointed," Scott said.

Scott doesn't see band as a class he sees it more as a family. He says that the symphony is a good idea but there just isn't enough interest.

Scott might presume this to college but he's not sure.

"The main thing I got out of the class was a sense of belonging and accomplishment," Scott said.

From left to right: Junior Libby Dawes plays her clarinet in the concert band. Senior Anris Cofield plays the euphonium. This is Cofield's second year playing the euphonium. Junior Jorin Augustine plays her saxophone in the wind ensemble. Sophomore Ann Strom plays her flute in the wind ensemble also.



JAZZ BAND:

A CLASS NOW??

Instead of being an extracurricular activity, jazz band is now a class.

In Jazz Band, you learn how to blend sounds, write music, improvise on solos, learn how to play in large groups and learn about jazz musicians.

Senior Aaron Homard likes jazz band. He plays the drums. He has a drum set at home. He's been playing the drums since fourth grade.

"My uncle sat me down on his drum set, taught me the basics of drumming and I've liked it ever since," Homard said.

He practices three hours a week. He has been playing jazz since sixth grade.

Senior Eric Stacy plays the piano but he sticks with the trombone in Jazz Band. Stacy chose the trombone because of its size and

shine. Stacy practices 15 to 30 minutes a day.

"It's difficult to execute jazz without having practiced it," Stacy said.

Junior Sean Bremhorst and Stacy are in the jazz combo class. They learn how to write music and play jazz music on their own instruments.

"Anyone can play jazz if they put their mind to it," Stacy said.

Bremhorst likes Jazz Band because he likes to play music.

"If I play jazz music and play in a band, then I'll be a better musician," Bremhorst said.

Homard, Stacy and Bremhorst think Randall Hoepker is a great teacher.

"Hoepker offers everything you need to know; it is only your responsibility to accept and work at it," Stacy said.



Senior Aaron Homard (above) plays the drums in jazz band. Homard has been playing since he was in fourth grade.

**"Anyone can
play jazz if
they put
their mind
to it."
- Senior
Eric Stacy**

From left to right: Junior Sean Bremhorst plays his guitar. Bremhorst is also in jazz combo. Freshman Bryan Morrissey plays the piano. Junior Holden Clark plays his Bari saxophone. Sophomore John Jordan listens to band teacher Randy Hoepker talk about the upcoming jazz competition.



WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING, WE HAVE ALL THE STRINGS YOU NEED...



"I enjoy being a teacher. I love teaching students the importance of music," orchestra teacher Lisa Fried said.



The orchestra (above) plays during first block.

If you have the love for music, orchestra is the way to go. There's always new and very fun challenges that you come across.

Junior Paige Gibler says that she loves challenges, and that she enjoys the class.

Speaking to Gibler makes some people think that orchestra is a class people should take more serious. She says because these students put a lot into their music. Most kids love doing it at the same time. It's just like any other class really. You have to work on music, like homework, over and over just to make sure you get it right.

Some kids don't join musical groups or classes because they are scared of not being able to play or be like the other students. But really this class does the opposite. It gives you the chance to be someone else, be fully creative, and can be a great experience for you to get stress out. Especially in high school.



"I love music, everything about it. There's always a new challenge. Music is something we all listen to, it's helpful," junior Paige Gibler said.



*Not only do the Huskies bark...
but we sing too!*



Hoover High School Choir

Choir is an elective class. Most students say they enjoy the class. According to the people in the choir not only is it really fun, but it isn't very time consuming. They like it because they don't have to come in before or after school.

Some kids say that they have been singing their entire lives, but even for the kids that haven't say that they are very happy that they decided to start singing in the choir. The class is a great way to break out of your shell and sing your heart out. A way of being creative, letting out your emotions, and having a chance to be able to express yourself with students who do so.



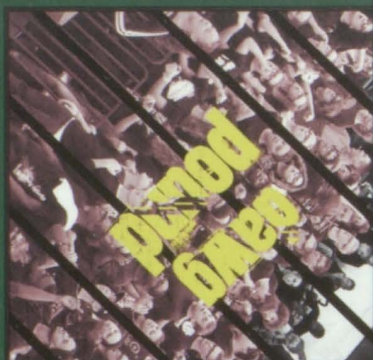
Sophomore Marquise Gwenigali has been singing since she was a young girl. She decided to officially join choir at school when she was in 8th grade.



Sophomore Reanna started singing in her home church choir when she was a young girl. Now she represents Hoover as a singer in the choir.

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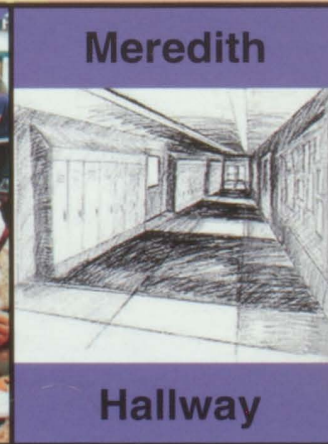
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Best Buddies



Meredith



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Extra Credit!

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the
Dawg Pound**

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BEST BUDDIES

Best Buddies is organization that involves teens who have special disabilities. Special Education teacher Cynthia Grandquist, who is the leader of the Best Buddies organization, partners up the teen's together. The main purpose of the program is to create a bond and embrace a friendship.

Sophomore Sydney Sconiers is apart of the Best Buddies club. It is her first year as a member.

"Best Buddies is a place where everyone can be themselves," Sconiers said. Sconiers loves helping and learning about everyone's

Sconiers thinks that Best Buddies needs to be advertised more to the school.

"I think we need more publicity. I really want the school to know more about what we do," Sconiers said.

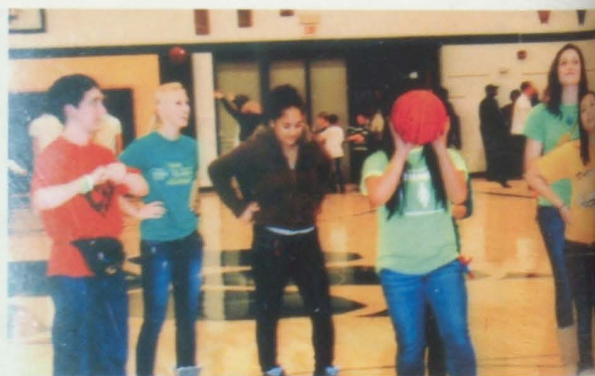
Sophomore Avery Jackson also thinks we need more publicity by advertising more. This is also Jackson's first year in Best Buddies.

"I wanted to get more involved in more school activities. I thought this would benefit other people more," Jackson said.

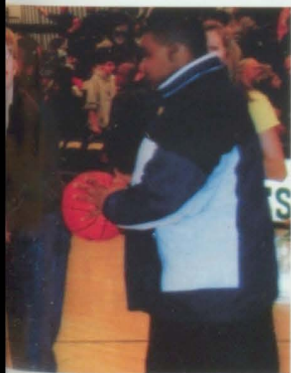
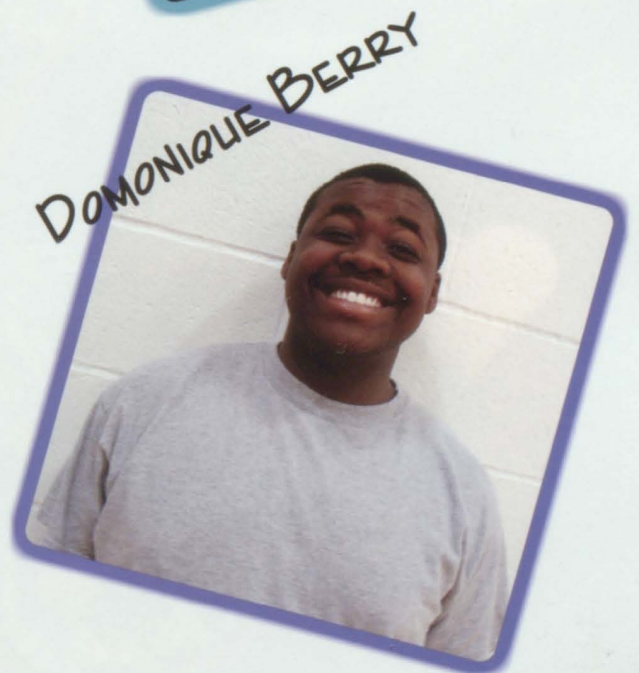
Best Buddies is a nation wide program, almost every school in the Des Moines district has one. It gives people a great opportunity to get to know other people better.



Students involved in Best Buddies (right) have fun and enjoy themselves at the Best Buddies prom. Cindy Grandquist is in charge of Best Buddies. They do several fun activities throughout the year and have a great time.



FOREVER



GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE



"DON'T BE BLIND, THE SUN SHINES ON
EVERYBODY" -USHER



"NO GOVERNMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO TELL ITS CITIZENS
WHEN OR WHOM TO LOVE. THE ONLY QUEER PEOPLE
ARE THOSE WHO DON'T LOVE ANYBODY." ~RITA MAE
BROWN



THE IMPORTANT THING IS NOT THE OBJECT OF
LOVE, BUT THE EMOTION ITSELF. ~GORE
VIDAL

Gay Marriage or Not: That is the Question!



GSA is a program that is run through Hoover for Hoover and Meredith students who wish to support the gay community. GSA stands for the Gay Straight Alliance and it has been a program in the school for about twelve years. The group welcomes students of all nationalities, ages and sexual orientations.

Science teacher Miriam Heuermann and Meredith English teacher Janette Gerdes are the sponsors of the Gay Straight Alliance. They meet once a week, every Monday, at Meredith to discuss issues and plan future events.

The students involved in GSA are very passionate about what they believe and do. It is not only an extra curricular activity, it is a huge part of

their every day lives. Junior Indira Sheumaker says she feels very strongly about the goals of GSA.

"I support it and feel strongly about it. I'm proud to be in it; it means I stand for something," Sheumaker said. Heuermann feels that GSA is important for many reasons.

"GSA provides a safe place for the kids to just hang out and we work to educate the staff and students about laws and the importance of respecting everyone," Heuermann said.

Recently there has been a proposed Iowa law stating that any civil union that's not between a man and a woman should be illegal. The members of GSA have expressed just how ridiculous they believe this law to be.

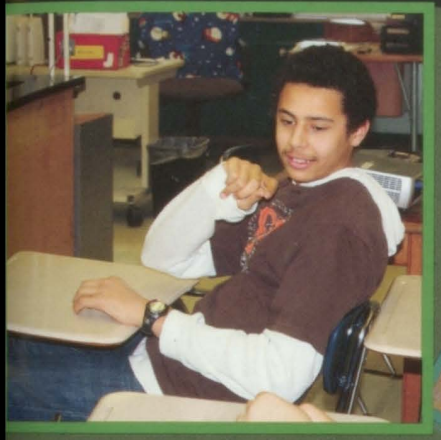
"I'm really angry about it. Why is that necessary? It doesn't affect anybody," Sheumaker.

"It's not anybody's business who gets married, its discrimination," Sheumaker continued on to say. Freshman Matt Kramer does not feel as strongly about this law, but he still has a definite opinion about it.

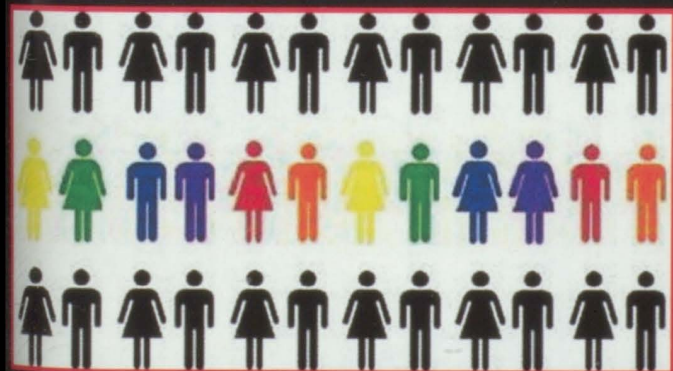
"I don't know why it's a problem if the same sex wants to get married," Kramer said.

GSA discusses recent issues such as this, among many others. Heuermann recommends coming to join them; they welcome anybody, whether you're gay, straight or undecided.

"We respect everyone," Heuermann concludes.



LABELS ARE FOR FILING. LABELS ARE FOR CLOTHING. LABELS ARE NOT FOR PEOPLE.
~ MARTINA NAVRATILOVA



NHS

STUDENTS WORKING HARD IN THE CLASSROOM AND THE COMMUNITY

Striving to work hard inside and outside of the classroom is exactly what the members of National Honors Society do.

To be in NHS, a student must maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA as a junior or sophomore, and they also must participate

in community service projects outside of NHS. Senior Nile Jacobus has been involved with NHS for two years and is now an officer.

"NHS is a lot of fun and it's great to do because it looks good on scholarships for college," Jacobus said.

Getting involved in the community is something every high school student should do. NHS sponsor and English teacher Nick Jackson agrees.

"Students getting involved in the community is highly important. A part of education is socialization, the more

involved students are, the wider variety of experiences they will have," Jackson said.

Junior Melissa Hollister also thinks this is important. "Getting involved is really important, it can get you and your school known in the community," Hollister said.

In October, NHS was involved with Reggie's Sleep Out. This is an annual fundraiser to raise awareness and money to address the problems of youth homelessness in Central Iowa.

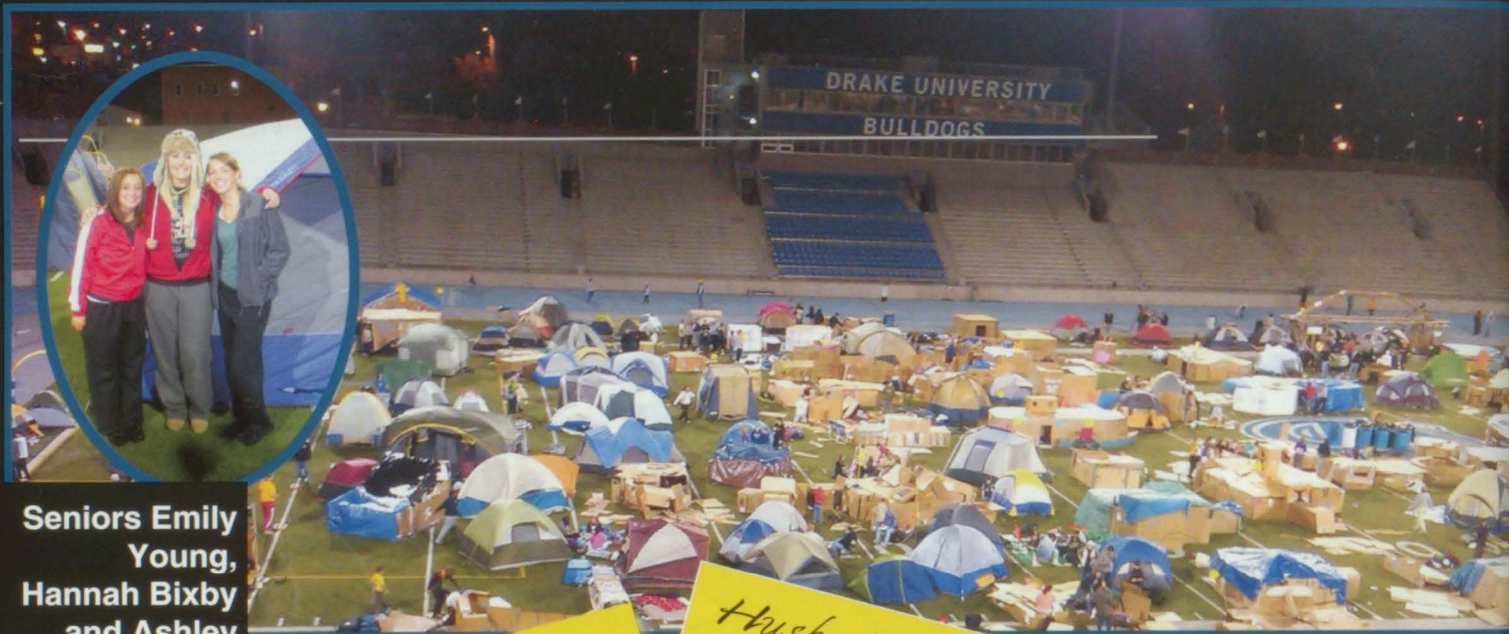
In June, the students in NHS participated in the JDRF walk, a walk to help find the cure for diabetes.

There are currently about 30 students involved in NHS. Nile Jacobus believes that there should be more students involved.

"More students should definitely be involved, there are so many more people that could be in it," Jacobus said.

NHS is a great program for students wanting to strive in school as well as the community.

Members of NHS (right) dicussing ideas at a meeting



Seniors Emily Young, Hannah Bixby and Ashley Johnson (above) take a picture outside their tent

Many tents and boxes set up for Reggie's Sleepout

Husky Trunk
Raised money for JDRF walk

Husky Trunk
Participated in Reggie's Sleepout
Advance to GO

Husky Trunk
GET OUT OF DETENTION FREE

Husky Trunk
Maintained a 3.5 GPA
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Husky Trunk
Volunteered at a blood drive
Collect \$200

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Other NCYL students include:

- Samuel Duncan
- JoLinn Nguyen
- Trayveon Lewis
- Kiana Roppe
- Katy Stites
- Quan Truong
- Ian Pierson
- Kourtlin Jackson

NCYL

Good grades give students great experiences

Walking through area malls, one comes across pictures of familiar students from all around the metro area. These students have made many accomplishments in their academics and because of this they are part of NCYL.

NCYL stands for National Council on Youth Leadership. The program's goal is to recognize and foster high ideals of leadership and integrity among the youth of America.

To be a member of NCYL, a student must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and also

be involved in the community.

There are many students involved in NCYL from different schools all over. Two of those students from Hoover include seniors JoLinn Nguyen and Kourtlin Jackson. Nguyen said she joined NCYL because she knew she had what it took to lead others.

"I became involved because I felt like I had the qualities of being a leader. I also wanted to join because it's important to be involved in the community and be a role model for others," Nguyen said.

Jackson wanted to join NCYL for reasons involving college.

"I wanted to become a member because it looks good on resumes and they also had a really cool convention," Jackson said.

Being in NCYL has allowed students get to meet others from all different schools. Jackson recommends that everybody become involved with the group.

"I recommend everybody to be in NCYL, it's a really great experience. You can meet a lot of new people and add on to your Facebook friends," Jackson said.

Mock Trial

Sophomore Tyler Bainter has been in Mock Trial for two years and he loves every minute of it.

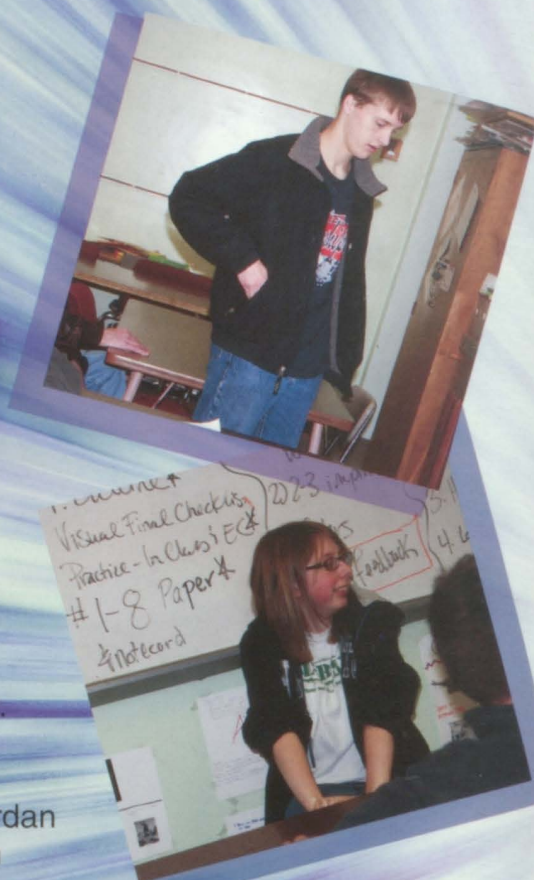
Bainter loves being in Mock Trial because it's an amazing, fun activity where you know you will be accepted.

The Mock Trial members are senior Alli Nutting, sophomore Jacob Scott, junior Merisa Lengeling, sophomores Ann Strom, Kristin Lengeling, Zach Dickhoff, John Jordan, and

Tyler Bainter. They meet three days a week from 3:00-4:30, in Speech teacher Sarah Hamilton's room.

Mock Trial is where you get a case about murders, law suits and people that are on trial. You each get a part and it is beneficial for trial teams to be aware of juror biases and reaction when preparing for arbitration, mediation or trial.

Sophomore John Jordan (top) stands up and makes his agruement. Junior Merisa Lengeling (right) sits and listens to the speaker. Sophomore Jacob Scott, senior Alli Nutting and sophomores Zach Dickhoff and John Jordan (bottom left) discuss a law suit. Scott, Jordan and Dickhoff (bottom right) listen to speech teacher Sarah Hamilton explain a case.



"GET READY FOR THE PEEP SHOW!" -TYLER BANTER



Debate Debate



Tyler Bainter and Aleesa Nutting (left) pose for a picture.

Tyler Bainter and Aleesa Nutting (above) argue about a topic. Bainter (right) gets defensive and into the argument while Nutting listens to what he has to say.



"DEBATE IS MASCULINE CONVERSATION IS FEMININE!" -AMOS BRONSON ALCOTT

Each week Debate members (Aleesa Nutting, Dallis Roberts, Alma Zilic, Nicole Handley, Tyler Bainter, Thanh Lei, Dzana Memic, Malik Harris, Shakir Lee, Kristin Lengeling) meet three days a week and practice. Debate is basically an argument with rules. Debate members normally meet in Speech teacher Sarah Hamilton's room.

Debating rules may vary from one competition to another. Debate captain senior Aleesa Nutting says debate is one of her favorite school activities.

"I was on the team last year; I really enjoyed working with everyone," Nutting said. "Being in debate has made me a lot of friends and I learned how other

people debated, which was pretty interesting."

Debate helps people with their speech skills, and helps their confidence in front of crowds. Nutting's overall progress in debate was really good. Nutting started getting awards toward the end.

Many people think Mock Trial and debate are the same thing but they aren't. In debate, you deal with congress bills, while in mock trial you deal with criminal and civil cases.

Some of the topics they argued about were: Legalizing pot, abortion, mandating child development and many more. At the competitions they were required to dress "fancy" so

that means "suits!" You had to look like a team, sit together and agree upon each other.

Nutting found debate to be a lot of fun. She was able to try her best and lead the team to victory!!



Debate_Harisa Suvic 707

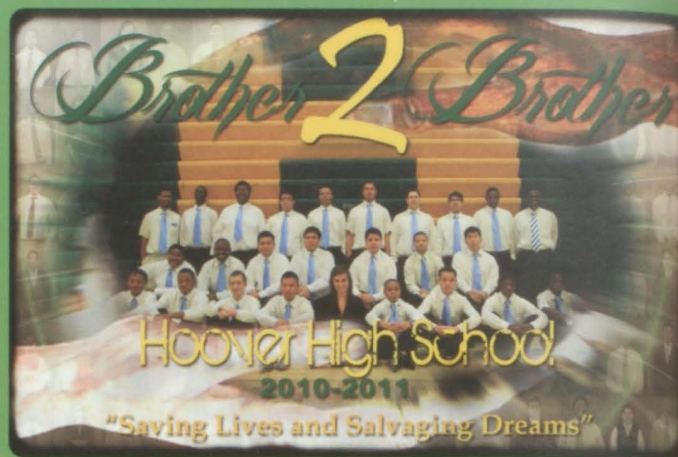
BROTHER TO BROTHER

Science teacher Billy Proctor is the sponsor for Brother to Brother. Brother to Brother is a group for young men. They usually have meetings during lunch or after school. Brother to Brother is a great opportunity for them to get scholarships and to bond with their classmates.

Junior Quinton Patton who is in Brother to Brother said he loves being in it. "It's a time where I can talk about school and problems to my classmates and they always understand," Patton said.

On the days they have meetings, Proctor and the boys dress nice to school. "If you're going to be successful, then you have to dress like it," Proctor said.

All Brother to Brother members got new dress shirts this year.



HIGH SCHOOLS AGAINST CANCER



Senior Brooke Torres (left) and HSAC leader Jason Danielson (right).



High school against cancer is a group of people here at Hoover who tries to raise money for cancer associations. They have dress up days. Where everyone dresses a certain color to represent different cancers. They also sell bracelets so they can raise money for cancer associations. They're planning on painting the campus purple, that's everyone will wear purple and there will be posters around. The main thing they do is relay for life on May 13th. They meet every Monday during lunch.

"Overall H.A.C. is really important because it's getting the high schoolers involved with the American Cancer Society," said Senior Brooke Torres.

SPANISH CLUB



Spanish Club culture display

The Spanish Club consists of 15 or so participants. Spanish Club meets once a month with Spanish and French teacher Mary Dycus.

Once a year, they decorate the showcase window with posters, souvenirs, and objects from different countries for Spanish Heritage Month. Spanish Club also celebrated La Navidad with a piñata party. They hope to participate in more activities throughout the year.

GUITAR CLUB

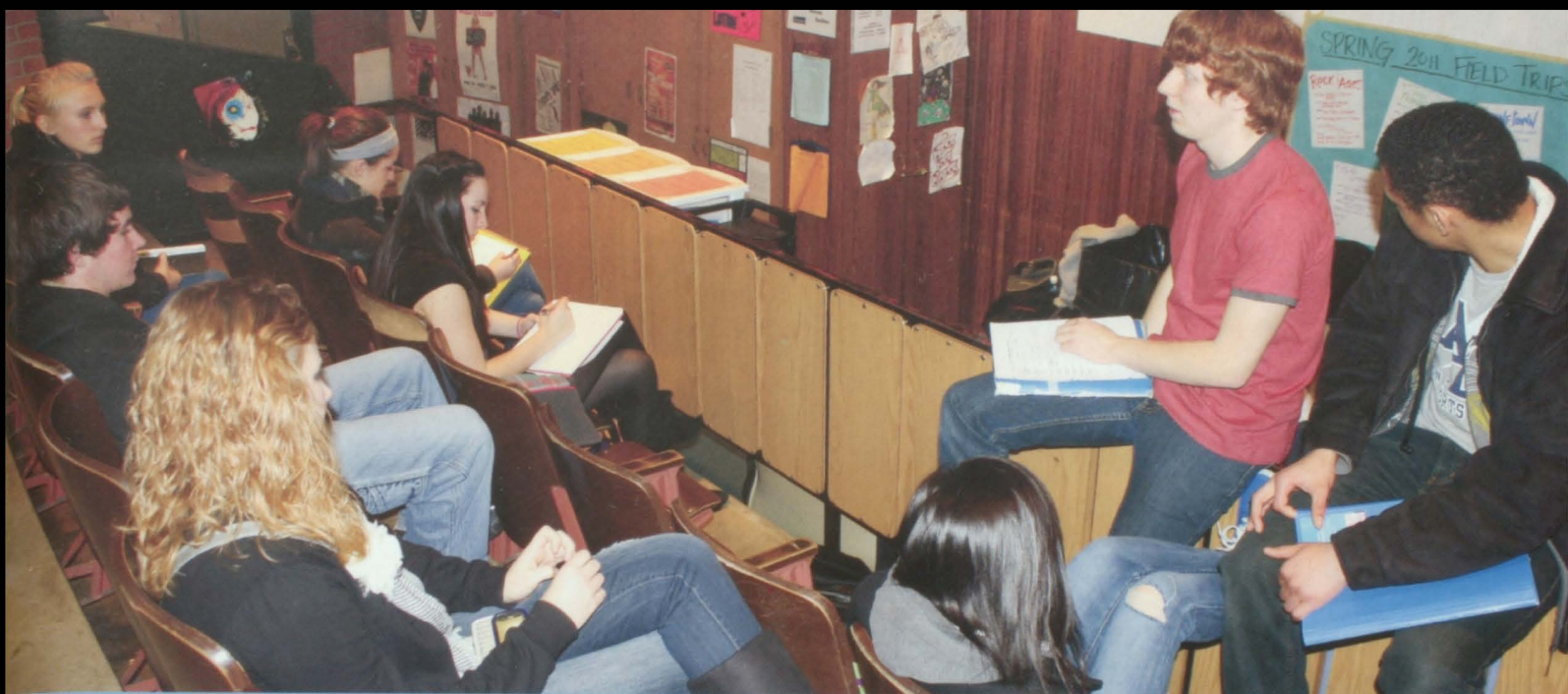
The guitar club can simply be summarized as a hang out, jamming session. English teacher, guitarist, and could've-been-rock star, Nicholas Jackson heads up the club. This year's group is pretty small. There are only two guitarists: Freshman Ryan Utke and Senior Timothy Leffler. The three of them meet every Thursday after school and Jackson teaches them cool tunes and helps them with any questions.

"With guitar lessons, you never know how the instructor's going to be, but Jackson's really nice and he explains everything so I can understand," Leffler said.

It's really just a time to get together with other guitarists and learn something new or just show someone what you've been working on. You can go, sit, chat, and play your guitar.



Freshman Ryan Utke and senior Timothy Leffler fiddling on their guitars at guitar club.



The Thespians consist of a group of drama students. To be involved in Thespians, a drama student must earn 30 points. To get points, they must be in a play, work on a play, or be in a speech contest (IHSSA). Thespians organize many drama events and social events for Thespians only. Senior Shandie Carson is on the Thespian Board and she enjoys being a part of the Thespians very much.

"The Hoover Thespians is a great program and I am proud to be in it. I have grown as a leader and as a person from being involved in it," said Carson.

French Club
member sophomore
Antonio Ibarra.

FRENCH CLUB



Spanish and French teacher, Mary Dycus is in charge of the French club. They meet in room 109.

They learn about the French culture. They celebrate French holidays, eat French food and speak in French. You do not have to be taking a

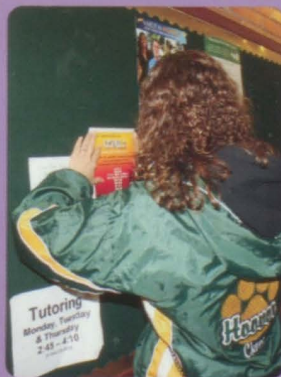
French class to be in French club.

"Le club de Francais est amusant [French club is fun]," Antonio Ibarra said.

HUSKY CLUBS

THESPIANS

SILVER CHORD



Silver Chord member junior
Aliyah Hoskins putting up
posters.

Silver Chord isn't really a club, but an important volunteer organization that anyone can participate in.

"It looks great on college applications and I like to get out there and volunteer," junior Aliyah Hoskins said.

Silver Chords are awarded to students so they can wear them at graduation. You must have completed 120 volunteer hours, starting your sophomore year. Some hours must be outside of school. The volunteer work can be done on your own as long as you get the proper forms filled out to get credit for the hours.

"(I volunteer) whenever cheerleading gives me an opportunity. I think I'm going to tutor incoming freshmen in the summer for science bound," Hoskins said.

Silver chord is a great way to get involved around the community. Not only is it great to volunteer but it looks good on your college application.

"Not a lot of people actually accomplish 120 hours. You have to be really committed to doing it," Hoskins said.

If you are interested in getting involved with Silver Chord contact Cindy Grandquist.

Team Photos

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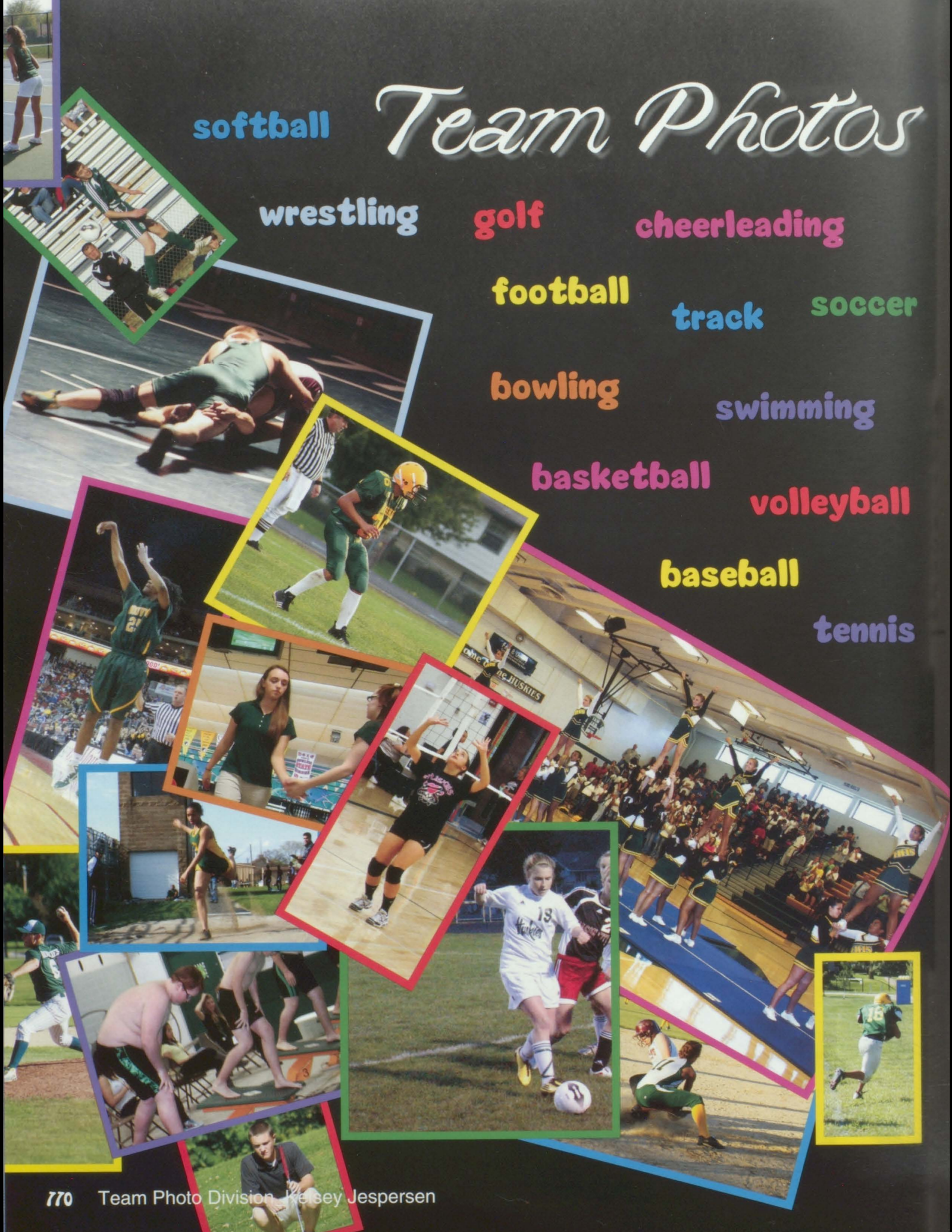
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Freshmen



<Football>

Front row: Joshua Jefferson, Taejuane Lewis-Douglas, Ali Cano, Darren Butts, coach Dane Sulentic, Ricardo Galdemez- Soriano, Jacob Wilson, Thomas Swessinger. **Middle row:** Austin Leovan, Nathan Galloway, Tremaine Parkey, Kaelen Toliver, Andrew Gamble, Logan Pifer, Colton Blackford, Austin Nelsen. **Back row:** Terion Farley, Jerray Scott, Rayvon Gray, Matt Foley, Steve Swarts, Jose Amaya, Aaron Sims, Brian Morrissey.

Sophomore



Front row: Sophomores RJ Toliver, Max Lindstrom, coaches Derrick Flaig, Jason Karaidos, sophomores Matt Pearson and Kasim Atajic. **Middle row:** Sophomores Nick Lehmer, Wesley Florence, Andrew Lovan, Anthony Kellogg, Kevin Slaughter and Josiah Burriola. **Back row:** Sophomores Shaquille Wells, Chris Dejoode, Nik Nicholson, Billy Little, Octavion Tolson, Kingsley Jewett and Antwain Robinson.

Varsity



<Football>

Front row: Assistant Coach Casey Clark, trainer Troy Kleese, assistant coaches Derrick Flaig and Jason Karaidos, head coach Jon Means, assistant coaches John Taylor Jr., Victor Coleman, Dane Sulentic and strength and conditioning coach Lindsey Anderson. **Second row:** Seniors Drew Jones, Jordan Hoskins, sophomore Shaquille Wells, juniors Dajon James, Holden Clark, Osha Whittaker, seniors Daniel Carr and Cedric Danilson. **Third row:** Junior Jordan Anderson, seniors Nick Wilkerson, Johnny Floyd, junior Armin Mesinovic, seniors AJ Hawxby, Billy Rotza, Montez Johnson, sophomores Kasim Atajic and Matt Pearson. **Fourth row:** Seniors Ja'sean Coleman, John Joy, Ben Markey, junior Daniel Peterson, senior Brandon Signs, juniors Leandre Lee, Cody Pifer, senior Zach Klever and sophomore Kevin Slaughter. **Back Row:** Seniors Chase Herron, Austin Damm, juniors Brennon Balentine, Jeff Neel, seniors Bralen Berry, Chris Bemisdarfer, Theo Evans, junior Sam Bourland and senior Mike Weaver

Boys



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Front row: Sophomore Dakota Allison and senior Jacob Brown. **Back row:** Sophomore Tyler Gilbreath, coach Steve Lundholm and sophomore John Jordan.

Freshmen



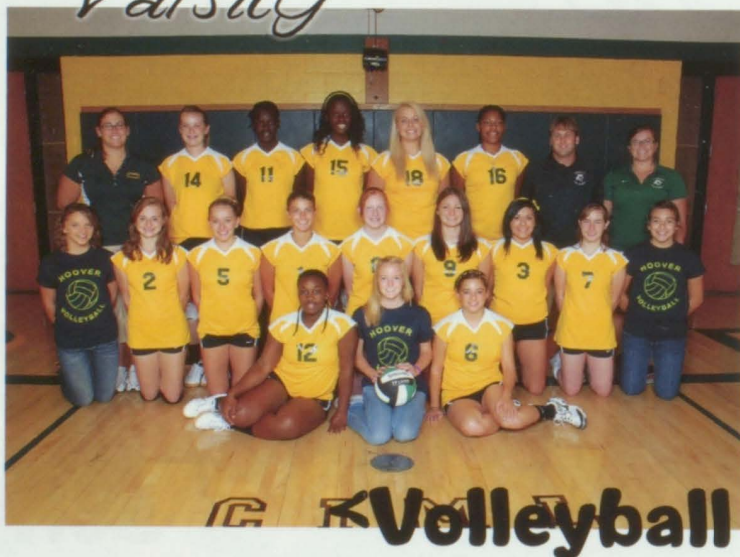
Front row: Freshmen Artorria Jung, Samantha Robinson, Emma Miller and Valeria Galvan.
Back row: Freshmen Dakata Diggins, Savannah Onley, Elma Mahmutavic, Martine Graves and coach Stephanie Warner.

TV



Front row: Sophomore Rachel McPherson and Junior Cassandra Garza. **Second row:** Juniors Lejla Hadzovic and Sierra Goodson, sophomores Shaliyah Ambrose, Hannah McCoy and Anna Ho, Juniors Kinsey Van Houten and Keisha Sykes. **Third row:** Sophomores Reanna Lewis and Nicole Bauer, juniors Edna Smith and Amber Gaumer, sophomores Sydney Sconiers, Madi Jones and Asia Hobbs. **Back row:** Sophomore Imani Mitchell and Marquise Gweningale, junior Shalea Cooks, sophomores Nyakat Diew, Na Keyia Harris, junior Hayley Sconiers, sophomore Amber Miller and coach Melissa Floyd.

Varsity



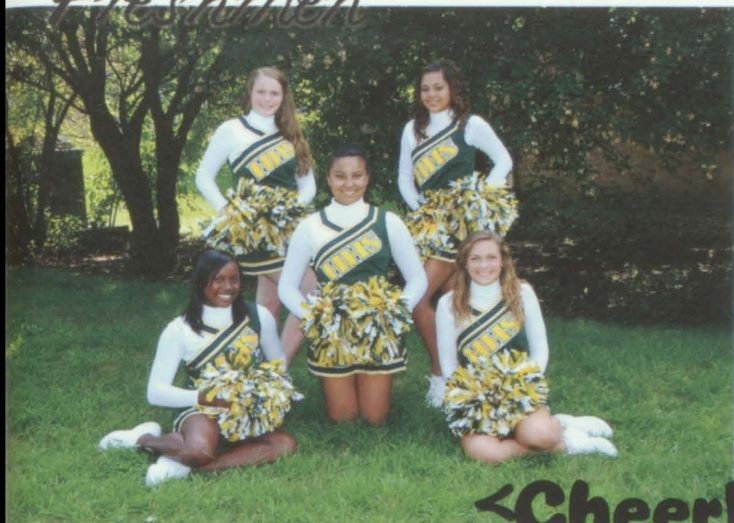
Front row: Juniors Takieyah Wells, manager Alyxis Beltz, senior Emily Young. **Middle row:** Senior manager Andrea Bailey, juniors Megan Bartholomew, and McKenna Brown, sophomore Natalie Clark, senior Kelsey Jespersen, junior Kelley Riordan, seniors Lia Meza and Mallory Sims, and junior manager Jorin Augustine. **Back row:** Coach Melissa Floyd, sophomore Savana Robinson, junior Sunday Duop, sophomore Nyakat diew, seniors Hannah Bixby and Denise Cowherd, coaches Jon Rubino and Stephanie Warner.

Boys & Girls



Front row: Freshman Andrea Rider, junior Breanna Rodriguez, senior Sophia Morris, eighth grader Bethany Swanson, seventh grader Cooper Mortenson, senior Taylor Atchison, freshmen Nicolas Orrante, Erin Atchison, Jessica Shields, Julie Penton and Molly Hawks. **Middle row:** Junior Alex Woods, seniors Kaleb Van Cleave, William Bolte, Keenan McCollum and Katie Stites, freshman Sydney Allen, senior Ian Pierson, freshman Ben Bourland, sophomores Riley Mortenson and Kayli Flynn and freshman Andrew Morgan. **Back row:** Coach Scott Schoneberg, seniors Samuel Duncan and Jonathan Kline, sophomore Joshua Joy, seniors Fadi Angalo and Alyse Messa, juniors Zach Doyle and Jordan Provost, senior Ethan Olson, sophomore Tommy Peter and Coach John Howett.

Freshmen



<Cheerleading>

Front row: Daja Smith and Hannah Buscher.
Middle row: Savannah Onley. **Back row:** Alea Blackford and Jasmine Carter.

TV



Front row: Sophomore Taylor Sullivan. **Middle row:** Junior Sierra Goodson and sophomore Samantha Wilkerson. **Back row:** Sophomores Rena Knutson, Na Keyia Harris and Jaynah Wright.

Varsity



<Cheerleading>

Front row: Juniors Jerrica Adair, Kinsey Van Houten, Aliyah Hoskins, Jorin Augustine, Briana Johnson and Katie Steingrabe. **Middle row:** Senior Ashley Johnson, Shireena Taylor, Mittzi Castellanos and Heather Valderrama. **Back row:** Senior Joe Wildt

Girls



<Synchro>

First row: Eighth graders Zoe Wizssler and Kerrigan Torres, sixth grader Ann Gradoville, sixth graders Logan Rehan, Alicia Dewey and Katie Mitchell. **Second row:** Sophomores Viera Nguyen and Savannah James, freshmen Katie Kendeigh, Kimberly Gonzalez and Lexi Teel, sixth grader Becca, eighth graders Morgan Spring and Olivia Jacobus. **Third row:** Sophomore Erin Dungan, sixth grader Emma Burriola, junior Abigail McNichols and freshman Taylor Williams. **Fourth row:** Freshman Molly Hawks, eighth grader Elsa Anderson, sophomore Eva Rehan, juniors Katelyn Jessen and Erna Mahmutovic and eighth grader Emily Hestbech.



<Swimming>

Front row: Freshman Lexi Teel. **Second row:** Sophomores Taylor Sullivan and Julia Henry. **Third row:** Manager eighth grader Emily Hestbech, sophomores Viera Nguyen, Mahala Artwein and Savannah James, eighth grader Morgan Spring. **Fourth row:** Freshman Taylor Williams, senior Mackenzie Bright, freshmen Anna Burriola and Kimberly Gonzales. **Fifth row:** Sophomore Erin Dungan, freshmen Katie Kendeigh, junior Abby McNichols, sophomore Megan McRae, junior Alexandra Garrett, freshmen Hannah Buscher and eighth grader Elsa Anderson. **Back row:** Coach Aubrey Welp, sophomore Elizabeth Lockin, juniors Kailie Liggett, Erna Mahmutavic, Aleksandra Vujicic, Mahogany Stanton, freshman Julie Shafer, junior Katelyn Jessen, sophomore Eva Rehan, junior Olivia Boston and coach Anita Leveke.



Front row: Sophomore Thomas Peter, senior Kaleb Van Cleave, junior Ryan Roepsch, freshman Jacob Higgins, sophomores Daniel Fritz and manager Savannah James. **Back row:** Coach Brandon Swett, Sophomores Josiah Burriola, Owen Geiken and Christopher Dejoode, freshman Charles Kendeigh, senior Rodney Silliman and Coach David Light.



<Bowling>

Front row: Senior Lindy Beyerink, sophomore Heather Hodges, senior Jackelyn Martinez, freshmen Brittany Hamilton and Samara Vanwinkle. **Back row:** Coach Curtis Wagner, junior Alyxis Beltz, senior Amanda Mount, freshman Rachel Mount, sophomore Nicole Bauer, junior Jessica Schwarz and coach Kirk Stevens.



Front row: Freshman Darren Butts, senior Ezekiel Richardson and freshman Nick Black. **Middle row:** Freshman Ryan Hull, junior David Reiersen, seniors Johnny Floyd, Erwin Jones and Sam Chanthavong and junior Saleem Mirzai. **Back row:** Junior Camron Vangundy, seniors Graham Dawson, Ja'sean Colemon, Mersudin Jusic and Justin Shafer and Coach Steve Lundholm.

TV Boys



<Basketball>

Front row: Freshman Arnel Dizdarevic, sophomore Lynn Lewis and freshman Haris Mujkic. **Middle row:** Sophomores Matt Pearson and Kevin Slaughter, freshman Colton Blackford, Freshman Korie Daughtery, and freshman Malachi Canada. **Back row:** Head sophomore coach Chris Krueger, freshmen Terrence Jennings and Kaelen Toliver, sophomore Grant Johnson, freshman Dorian Houston-Evans, sophomore Cole Klever, freshman Rayvon Gray and head freshman coach Brad Grier.

TV Girls



Front row: Freshmen Daja Smith, Huda Fagory, sophomore Natalie Clark, freshmen Malaysia Duncan and Artorria Jung. **Back row:** Assistant coach Jeff Fleming, freshman Mikayla Larson, head coach Jim Peterson, senior Hannah Bixby, sophomore Patricia Mendez and assistant coach Kim Brittain.

Varsity Boys



<Basketball>

Front row: Juniors Omar Lamar, Dwight Sistrunk and Cameron Woods. **Middle Row:** Senior Cedric Danielson, sophomore Gatlat Toang, senior Ontior Brown, juniors Loanga Ingoli, Bakr Brown and Jordan Provost. **Back row:** Assistant coaches Justin Ruddy and Bill Proctor, seniors Kourtlin Jackson, Kelly Madison, junior Zach Doyle, seniors Reginald White and Shayrohn Belle and head coach Courtney Henderson.

Varsity Girls



Front row: Freshman Malaysia Duncan, senior Alyse Messa and junior Takieyah Wells. **Middle row:** Juniors Manager Kahdejia Love, McKenna Brown, senior Hannah Bixby, freshman Mikayla Larson, sophomore Natalie Clark and senior Grace Phillips. **Back row:** Assistant coaches Jeff Fleming, Jason Karaidos, head coach Haywood Boston, assistant coaches Mike Brown, Jim Peterson and Kim Brittain.

Freshmen Boys



<Soccer>

Front row: Freshmen Ago Zilic, Michael Garcia, Nerman Spiodic, Thang Tombing, Nicholas Orrante and Cesar Silva. **Back row:** Coach Jeremy Reinert, freshmen Arnel Dizdarevic and Osman Bajric, sophomore Tyler Gilbreath, Freshmen Sanel Dzinic and Haris Mujkic.

TV Boys



Front row: Sophomore Mateen Mirzai, junior Holden Clark, sophomores Colton Ruegsegger, Jorge Brito-Zacapala, Victor Brito-Zacapala and Victor Patino. **Back row:** Sophomores Danny Colin, Gabriel Valenzuela and John Jordan, junior Samuel Bouland, sophomore Tyler Gilbreath, senior Genaro Ruiz, sophomore Damir Buljubasic and coach Mark Lahart.

Varsity Boys



<Soccer>

Front row: Coach Brent Eustice, freshmen Almedin Plavulj and Haris Miftari, La Sam Nlang, junior Saleem Mirzai, freshmen Jeremiah Ziaty and Edis Miftari, junior Toe Toe, senior Jonathon Kline and coach Mark Lahart. **Back row:** Coaches Joe Waithanji and Josh Griffith, seniors Matthew Schiltz and Adem Buza, sophomore Admir Mujakic, junior Samedin Sinanovic, seniors Hasib Stitkovac, Nile Jacobus and Ethan Olson and coach Jeremy Reinert.

TV Girls



Front row: Senior manager Max Wissler, sophomore Larisa Cano, junior Rose Sanchez, freshman Jessica Shields, sophomore Veronica Orellana and freshman manager Bethany Wildt. **Back row:** Coach Amanda Young, junior Hiba Angalo, sophomore Kacy Murray, freshman Huda Fagory, junior Edna Smith, freshman Amra Softic and coach Hali Dolder.

Varsity Girls



<Soccer>

Front row: Juniors Indira Sheumaker, Melissa Hollister, Brittany Wells and Laura Hollister, senior Katy Stites and freshman Ashley Baily. **Middle row:** Senior manager Max Wissler, sophomore Samantha Wilkerson, juniors Amber Gaumer, Jorin Augustine and Alyxis Beltz, seniors Nancy Wakhungu and Andrea Bailey and freshman manager Bethany Wildt. **Back row:** Head coach Jonathan Rubino, junior Jenna Wilson, senior Shyloh Crawford, sophomores Riley Mortenson and Savannah Robinson, senior Helen Hinshaw, sophomore Randy McGregor, freshman Kaitlyn Mahany, assistant coaches Hali Dolder and Amanda Young.

Freshmen

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<Baseball>

Eighth grader Evian Akers, freshmen Nick Black, and Darren Butts, eighth grader Travis Early and Kyle Erickson, freshman Nate Galloway, eighth grader Bobby Hart, freshman Ryan Hull, eighth grader David Jordan, eighth graders Brock Larson and Gevon Lewis, freshman Bryan Morrissey, eighth graders Ali muhammad, Tanner Murray and Alec Nahas, freshman Logan Pifer, eighth grader Luke Powley, eighth graders Colton Preston, Nathan Roby, Matthew Schwarz, Nic Snider, James Spiker and Andrew Swessinger, freshman Thomas Swessinger and eighth grader Tre Talton.

TV



<Baseball>

Front row: Eighth graders Matthew Schwarz and Jalen Horton, juniors Armin Mesanovic and Gantry Wittmaier and sophomore Grant Johnson. **Middle row:** Eighth graders Andrew Swessinger, Colton Preston and Tre Talton, sophomores Austin Christofferson, Zachary Jackson, Nathaniel Mustin, Collin Kelso and Logan Nahas. **Back row:** Eighth grader Brock Larson and Alec Nahas, freshmen Ben Mitchell, Billie Davis, Aaron Simms, Colton Blackford and Austin Nelsen and sophomore Christopher DeJoode.

Varsity



Front row: Senior Christian Kirkpatrick, sophomore Matt Pearson, seniors Jordan Hoskins, Ben Markey, Jacob Brown and AJ Hawxbly. **Back row:** Junior Matthew Andorf, sophomore Matthew Pudans, juniors Daniel Peterson and Jordan Provost, seniors Brandon Signs, Zach Klever and Austin Damm, junior Cody Pifer and senior Nathan Brown.

Freshmen & JV



<Softball>

Front row: Eighth graders Zoe Wissler, Kerrigan Torres and Lexie Larson and freshman Hannah Buscher. **Back row:** Coach Marty Van Houten, freshman Alex Brown, eighth grader Remi Smith, freshmen Taylor Williams and Breanne Floyd, sophomore Ann Strom, eighth grader Dominique Mullins, sophomore Rachel McPherson, junior Jessica Schwarz, freshman Molly Hawks, sophomore Abby Callaghan and Coach Courtney Yacinich.

Varsity



Front row: Seniors Grace Phillips, Devon Henderson and Amanda Mount. **Middle row:** Juniors Kinsey Van Houten, Shyle Floyd, Jessica Schwarz and Breanna Rodriguez. **Back row:** Coach Courtney Yacinich, freshman Molly Hawks, sophomore Taylor Blackford, freshmen Alex Brown and Hannah Buscher, sophomore Nalalie Clark, Ann Strom, Abby Callaghan and Rachel McPherson and Coach Marty Van Houten.

Boys



<Tennis>

Front row: Senior Jerod Smith, sophomores Anthony Kaiser, Cameron Jacobus and Christopher Dejoode, senior Brian Le, junior Matt Andorf and senior Ian Pierson. **Back row:** Seniors John Joy and Taylor Jackson, sophomore Cole Klever, senior Zach Klever, sophomores Grant Johnson and Joshua Joy and senior Austin Damm.

Girls



Front row: Sophomore Rena Knutson, senior Logan Sanders, sophomore Kristina Ryan, junior Jessica Gist, seniors Stephanie Quernemoen and Emily Young. **Back row:** Sophomores Bo Say Paw, Ana Tristan, Daniela Pirel, Harisa Suvic, Erin Dungan, Emily Chappell, Dzana Memic and coach Carrie Harjes.

Boys



Girls



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Front row: Freshman Taejuane Lewis-Douglas, senior D'quayvion Tate, junior Dajon James and senior Kaleb Van Cleave. **Middle row:** Senior Deshawn Willis, junior Brennon Ballentine, senior Fadi Angalo, junior Zach Doyle, senior Shayrohn Belle and sophomore Shaquille Wells. **Back row:** Coach Haris Kovacevic and Joe Muldoon, freshman Benjamin Bourland, sophomore Davonte Wiggins, senior Rodney Silliman, coaches Byron Williams and Mel Green.

Front row: Freshmen Huda Fagory, Julie Penton and Artorria Jung, sophomore Zaynaba Musa and freshman Malaysia Duncan. **Middle row:** Sophomores Kayli Flynn and Reanna Lewis, senior Denise Cowherd, freshmen Mikayla Larson and Martine Graves and junior Kahdejia Love. **Back row:** Coach Joe Muldoon, freshmen Rhaniesha Claytor and Daja Smith, sophomore Patricia Mendez, coach Megan Smith, senior Devon Henderson, junior Aliesa Mason and coach Scott Schoneberg.

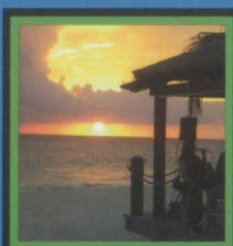
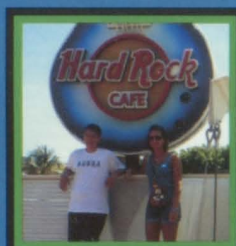


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WHERE'D YOU GO FOR SPRING BREAK?

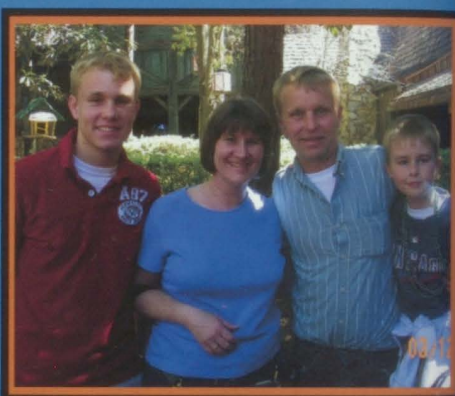
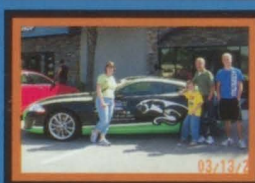


ARUBA

Clockwise: Senior Alyssa Dickhoff and sophomore Zachary Dickhoff at the Hard Rock Cafe in Aruba, an iguana hanging out in the "iguana tree" at the resort, Alyssa and her cousin Blake parasailing, the beach right outside the Dickhoff's hotel room, and "Dory fish".

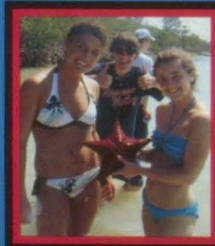
FLORIDA

Clockwise: The castle in Disney World's Magic Kingdom, senior Jonathon Kline with his mother and younger brother posing underneath a shark at Universal Studios, Jon and his family, the Klines pose by a race car.



BAHAMAS

Clockwise: Abandoned fishing boat at a harbor, a sea hare (type of slug), "Mt. Hermit" - hermit crab on a sand castle, senior Devon Henderson and junior Allison Kaiser hang out on the beach, sunrise on the beach by the students' cabins, Devon with classmate Kelsey Edwards posing with a starfish, sunset on the beach, and a hermit crab.





Senior Alyssa Dickhoff went on a family vacation to Aruba for spring break this year. Their trip was full of warm weather, bumpy waves and a whole lot of fun.

"We swam in the ocean every day. Our room was right on the beach. We went parasailing, we went on a glass bottom boat, and shopping," Dickhoff said.

Dickhoff found that Aruba is pretty different from her in the United States.

"They spoke seven different languages combined into one. They had palm trees and no speed markings so they drove really fast. I'd love to go back though. I wanted to go back once I got on the plane (home)," Dickhoff said.

She recommends that if you ever go to Aruba you should "try to do everything you can because you never know when you're going to go back."

"It was just fan-freaking-tastic!!" Dickhoff said.



Alyssa



Senior Jonathon Kline went to Florida for spring break this year with his family. He goes about every four years to see his grandparents in Sebring, Florida.

Floridians aren't too different from Iowans so there wasn't much difference other than the sites and the very warm weather from the Florida scene than from here in Iowa.

This year he visited for six days which included his family and him going to a racetrack in Sebring where his grandpa works at to enjoy the racetrack and race cars.

"I went to Universal Studios, Disney World and got a tan," Kline said.

"The only bad about it [trip] was that I was with my family," Kline said jokingly.

His favorite part of the trip was enjoying the weather. He recommends that if you go down to Florida to make sure you have fun.

"Enjoy life," Kline said.



Jonathon



Senior Devon Henderson went with the Central Campus Marine Biology class to the Bahamas. They spent 10 days on the Bahamas' white beaches and in the blue waters. The point of the Marine Biology class is to learn about biology, anatomies and identifications of marine life. They went sail boating, scuba diving, kayaking and played sand volleyball.

The class usually goes to Florida for this fun trip to look closer at the ocean wildlife, but this year they decided to go somewhere new.

"This year they decided to go to the Bahamas because the reef is less affected by tourists and the Bahama reefs are more serene and natural," Henderson said.

Henderson recommends that you go beyond staying just in the places where tourists usually stay.

"Experience the culture too. Get out of the tourist district. We'd be driving along the road and we would just pick up random hitchhikers. That would be weird here, but there it was completely normal. It's more of a third world country beyond the tourist district," Henderson said.



Devon

Prom

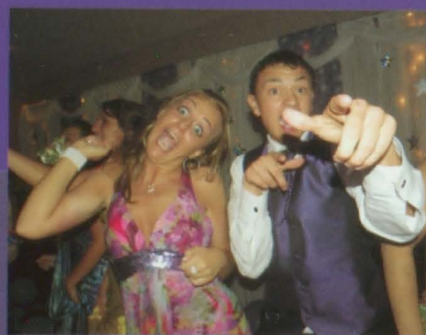
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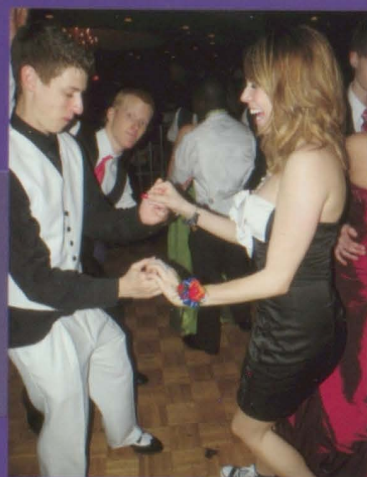
Junior Rena Knutson and senior Nefi Torres (left) dance together. Senior Taylor Atchison and junior Alexander Woods (below) dance the night away.



Junior Aleksandra Vujicic and Senior Jordan Hoskins (below) get silly on the dance floor.



Senior Mittzi Castellanos and Dowling senior Ryan Mackel (above) dance and give each other eskimo kisses. Senior Keenan McCollum and alumni Annie Bach (left) dance while enjoying the music.



Senior Trayveon Lewis (right) does his dougie and starts a fun dance battle.



The Stars

Seniors Sophia Morris, Shireena Taylor, Emily Young, Alyssa Dickoff, and Audrey Monroe (right) anxiously wait for the queen to be announced.



Seniors Alyssa Dickoff and Kaleb Van Cleave (far right) happily pose for the camera after being announced king and queen.

THE COURT!

Seniors Adem Buza, Kaleb Van Cleave, Kourtlin Jackson, Jacob Brown, and Max Wissler (right) greet one another for the announcement of the king.



"GOTTA HAVE STACKS FOR PROM"

Prom comes once every year, and every year it's a different experience for everyone, but one thing that does not change is the amount of money that each student spends for that one unforgettable night. From prom dresses and tuxes to the time you enter the room the dollar signs keep piling.

"The amount I paid was not worth it, I could have had the same amount of fun if I spent less," senior Audrey Monroe said. Monroe explained all her necessities it took to get her successfully ready for prom, starting with her dress.

"I started looking in February but it was not easy. I went to three different stores till I found the perfect dress," Monroe said.

"After that I still had to purchase shoes, jewelry, and prom ticket and get my hair and make-up done," Monroe

said. Monroe sadly calculating her expenses close to \$600.

"I was expecting to spend a lot but I was hoping the maximum would have been \$400," Monroe said.

This kind of money seems common for girls to spend, but sophomore Erin Dungan had a different outtake on prom this year. Dungan also explains she started preparing for prom around February.

"I did not buy a dress; I borrowed a dress from a friend," Dungan said. "The only thing I brought was shoes, I had the jewelry; hair, make-up and nails I did myself."

"I think for the amount of money I spent was appropriate because it was not my prom, for my senior prom I will most likely spend more," Dungan said. Dungan came out spending a good \$30.

What makes prom a piece of cake for the guys are the requirements are fewer and less money is being spent.

Seniors Zach Klever and Kaleb Van Cleave explained the only shopping they had to do for their tux, corsage, boutonniere, and pay for dinner. Klever also purchased Dungan's ticket for prom and Van Cleave had to get a hair cut and a car wash. They both came out spending about \$300.

"I think \$300 is a lot because I don't like dances anyway let alone something I have to pay for, but I had a great time because I was with Erin Dungan," Klever said.

"\$300 wasn't that bad but my mom might say other wise," Van Cleave said.

There is no explanation why students spend so much money on prom but from the looks money will be the only solution.

SENIOR BOARD

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Jasmine Russell , Senior Board

Senior board consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each of these people has a role to play in the senior board.

"Lester Mwirichia said it was an honor to become Senior Board president".

"Mwirichia says that he wanted to be on senior board because he knows that there are important decisions to be made and he wanted to be a part of that."

The most important thing to do is raise money for prom and events. "Mwirichia said that he felt pretty good that the whole class wanted him as president its something he wanted and so did they."

They try to have meetings about one every week or two every month. Mwirichia said that it is a lot of to balance with other activities. He also didn't think he would get on the board as a junior. He doesn't believe in bad decisions because they all decide together and try to include the senior class.

"Mwirichia said that if there are any juniors that feel like they have leadership skills run for president your voice will be heard."

"I show good leadership and try to motivate my peers that's how I got on to senior board said Max Wissler."

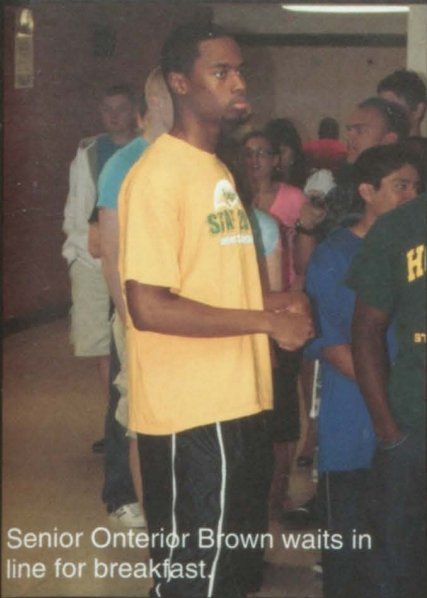
Wissler wanted to be on the board because he thought that it would be good at it. Senior board to Wissler trying to make our school a better place. They have to make decisions on school colors and prom.

Senior board makes all decisions and fundraisers for prom. Wissler felt accomplished that he got on senior board and it was very much an honor to get this spot. Wissler said that is not a lot to balance with other things in his life. No one really get mad if and when they make bad decisions.

They vote by all coming to an agreement and letting their class know. As they all work together they are raising money and try to give the seniors the best year they've ever had.

From top to bottom: Seniors Lester Mwirichia and Max Wissler shake hands. Seniors Shireena Taylor and Hannah Bixby pose for a picture. Mwirichia and Taylor jump in the air. Taylor and Bixby have fun.





Senior Onorior Brown waits in line for breakfast.



Jordan Hoskins and Ja'Sean Coleman sit down and wait for the senior awards to get read.



Seniors chat it up with their friends while eating their pancakes.

SENIOR BREAKFAST



Kerrissa Warren catches her pancake as it is flipped to her.

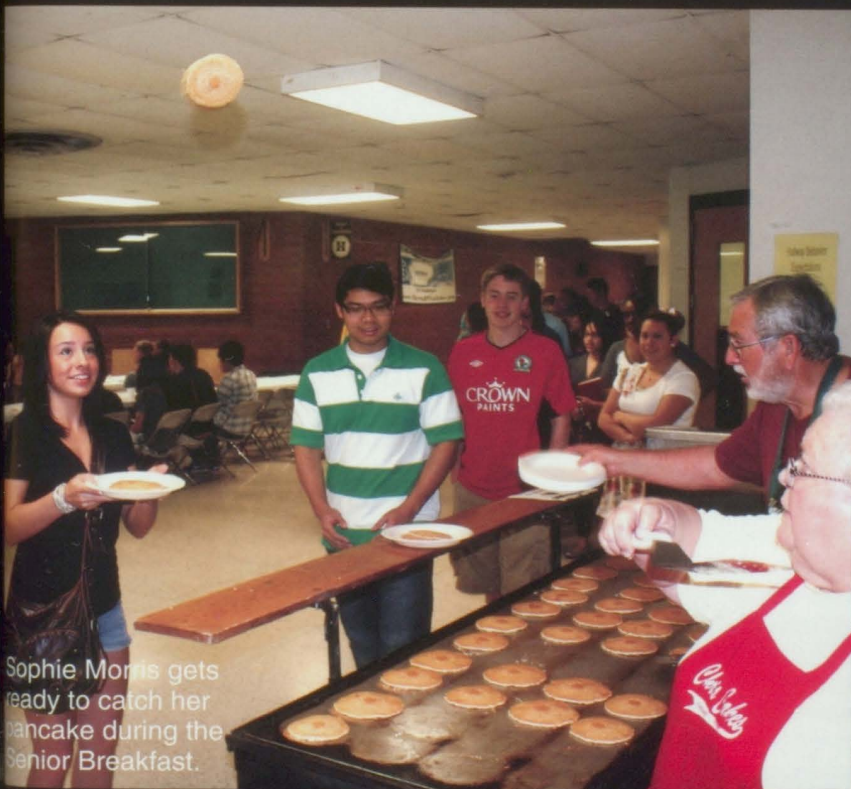
Senior breakfast is the most important meal of high school years. It is the last breakfast for the seniors. That last week, the last chance mostly to say good-bye to the Hoover High school hallways and start thinking about the future hallways the seniors will walk the next year in college. During this breakfast an entire lunch room is reserved for the Hoover seniors.

Grace Phillips, Senior, says that it is a great time to hang out with friends one last time before graduation. Also she speaks on it being the last day for many seniors to even come to school.

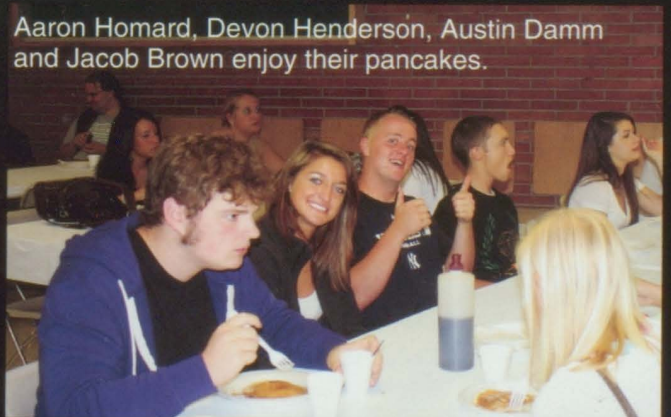
No other grade is allowed to that breakfast since it is such a great moment. This gives the seniors a chance to enjoy each other since many of them have been going to school with each other for years. There are some sad good-byes at the end of the year, but that only brings happy hellos at their new colleges.

Shaliyah Ambrose, sophomore, says that she thinks it's fair but it would be cool if other grades had their own private breakfast.

To us huskies this is a time to say congratulations to the seniors for graduating!



Sophie Morris gets ready to catch her pancake during the Senior Breakfast.



Aaron Homard, Devon Henderson, Austin Damm and Jacob Brown enjoy their pancakes.



Devon Henderson gives her commencement speech.

GRADUATION!



David Mwirichia gives his commencement speech.

"I tried not to start this speech off with a quote but as I sat in a conference for SAAB in Indianapolis, there was a quote that impacted me so profoundly that I had to share it with you. It read, 'When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.' I thought that this was the right place to use this quote because if we change the way we look at ourselves, we change the way we are seen. We cease to just be mere high school graduates; we begin to see that light in ourselves that our parents told us we always had. The tiny spark inside all of us begins to grow into a flame and we begin to see something so profoundly powerful that it shocks and awes the world! Many of you see this day as an end, but let me tell you all something, you are the authors to your own stories and yes as this chapter comes to an end, your book must continue. Now comes to time for you to take control of this book because in the next upcoming chapters, how this book will end could be determined. Ladies and gentlemen we are at a crossroads in our life where the plot is laid out and we are building up to the climax of our lives. I mean this IS GRADUATION! We made it. We are here because we have seen first-hand what life has to throw at us. However, thanks to our parents, teachers, and friends, life came at most of us at a rather manageable rate. We slowly learned to walk and talk, ride a bike, and even balance chemical equations. And in that slow but constant period of growth we build friendships, which started in the sand box, gym class, the band room, cafeteria, or even in a group of boys who rode their bikes to school and hung out in a parking lot. I mean, look around you, nearly all of us has a unique story of how or why we have these people in our lives and realize that as the years passed some of these relationships have dissolved, while some of them became unbreakable bonds of friendship! Our time as high schoolers will come to an end in a few minutes. Take some time to remember what this means. What you have been through! Not only these four year in high school but the thirteen years that you have spent as a student. Take some time to remember these

faces you looked across at during the 6th grade mixer, when we were lined up in "revolutionary war" battle positions, boys to one side, girls to the other. Remember, being nervous about your first locker combination and carrying those huge trappers from class to class. Remember how important it was to find out if someone liked you or if they "like liked you"? Remember in 8th grade when the Huskies went undefeated in football? Hold on to that memory guys! As this chapter ends, what will the next one be titled? Life has been fed to you at a relatively slow pace but now, once you walk out this door, you become the main character and author of your own life. You control who you want to be and what you want to become. Where you go is completely up to you because you're being here means that you are ready to take the reins and drive yourself to your own success. And do not for a second doubt or deny yourself because you have been prepared for this moment all your life! My friends are all ready, and the world is ready for you and the world needs you. After this ceremony, the show is going to start for you, starring you as the main character. High school has just been your dress rehearsal. You have learned how to balance work and study, how to deal with people, and how to prepare for a challenge. You have learned how to build relationships; you have learned how to end relationships. You have learned that people change, and all decisions have consequences. And you have learned that as seasons change, so do our lives. As the fall ended we tasted sadness and felt defeated but as the winter and spring came about we stood in that arena and were only mere minutes away from glory, and although the end was bitter, the journey was unforgettable! It is those unforgettable moments that make high school so special. And as you move on, never forget those moments because they are what everlasting memories are made of. My friends, as you sit there, some nervous, some anxious, and some who can't wait to get this over with; I want you to take the time to think back to those who didn't finish this journey. For most of them it was by

choice, for some it was because of unplanned circumstances. However you finished the journey. As I said before, bigger bumps are ahead but you have been preparing for this moment for your whole lives and it is time that you show this world what you are made of! It is time to unleash your potential and make an impact in this world! That is why we hold this ceremony each year to mark the ending of a chapter and the beginning of a deeper and more powerful one! To mark the releasing of you all into this world and the unimaginable potential that lies in each and every one of you! You have all heard of "potential energy" and it cannot be seen, can be beyond measure. You may not see it, but it is there! Take your hand and put it on that thing that is beating inside your chest and just listen... Can you feel that? Every great accomplishment begins with that beat. That is the beat of power, that is the beat of potential, and that is the beat of life. It's deep inside of you, waiting to be fully realized and it has to be, it needs to be, because if that energy is focused, then there is nothing you can't do. And don't you let anyone hold you back or pull you down because once you start moving towards your goals, your goals start moving towards you! Don't you dare for a second, accept someone telling you that you cannot be great. You were born to be, it is your destiny, if you choose to make it so. You write your own story, and wherever this story goes is completely up to you because you are the one in control. You have the power to speak things into existence! If you say that you will become a doctor, lawyer, the president, a marine, or just the best human being you can possibly be, there is no doubt in my mind that you can become that. There is nothing more powerful on this earth than a young, motivated individual, with a life changing idea brewing in their mind. As you graduate this day, you are marked as "ready", you have the tools to make a difference in this world, and you HAVE to make a difference in this world because, "If you leave this world unchanged, it's as if you never had existed!" Hoover class of 2011, it's time for a change this world!"

-David Mwirichia



What are your plans after High School?



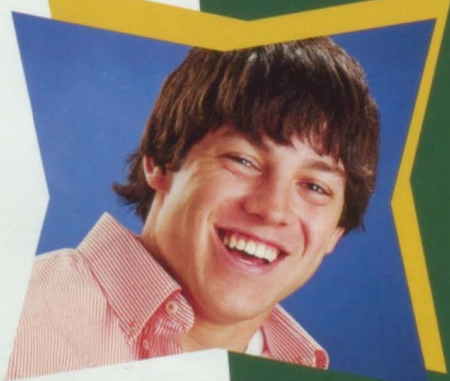
"I'm going to Drake to study Music Education (vocal)"
-Mittzi Castellanos



"I'm going to Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I'm studying to be a nurse! I plan to be a pediatric nurse in the future."
-Alyssa Dickhoff



"I'm going to Iowa for journalism and mass communications."
-Katy Stites



"I'm going to Iowa Central Community College to get my associate degree then transfer to UNI for a major in radio and tv and mass communications."
- AJ Hawxby

Hoover graduates (top) are preparing to walk. Shireena Taylor (left middle) holds up her diploma after receiving it. Sophomore Josiah Burriola and Freshman Charles Machamer (right middle) play 'America the Beautiful' for orchestra at the beginning of the ceremony. Manuel Acosta, Yusuf Ali, and Luis Altamirano (bottom) walk across the stage.

Yusuf Ali



Hermila Alonso



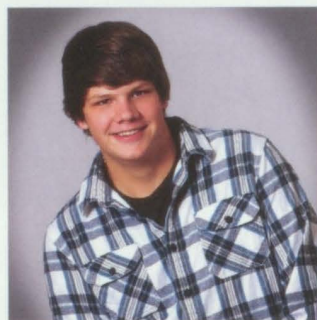
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Chelsea Bates



Chris Bauer



Hannah Bixby



Michael Boley



William Bolte



Nathan Brown



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Andrea Bailey



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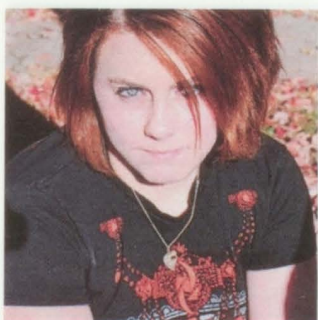
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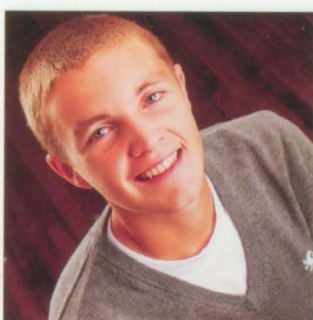
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Cecelia Campbell



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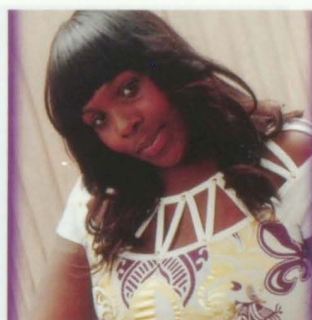
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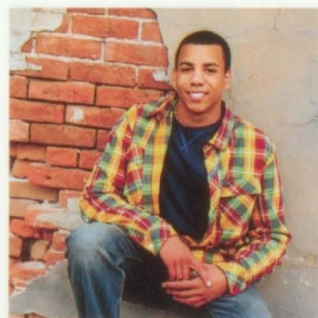
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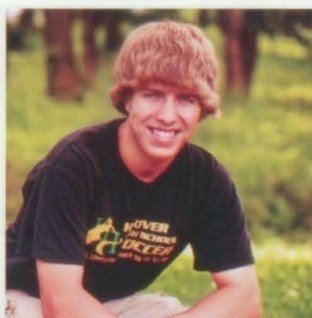
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Samuel Duncan



Gabrielle Engelken



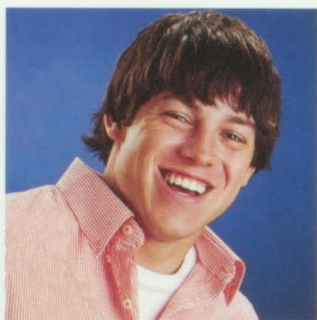
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Adam Hawxby



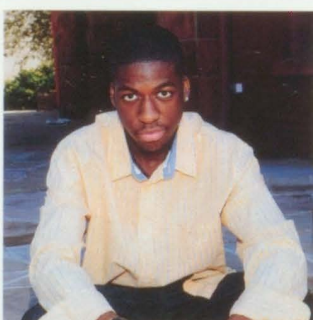
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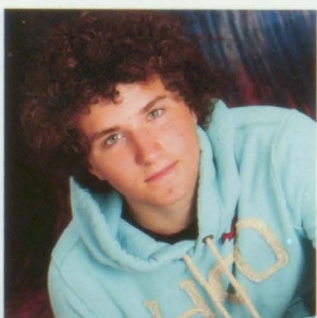
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Nile Jacobus



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Lauren Gingerich



Helen Hinshaw



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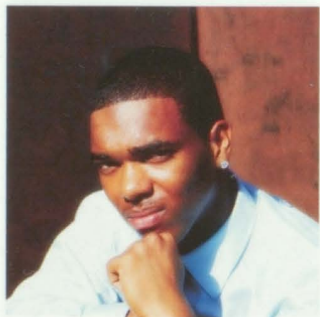
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Kayla Johnson



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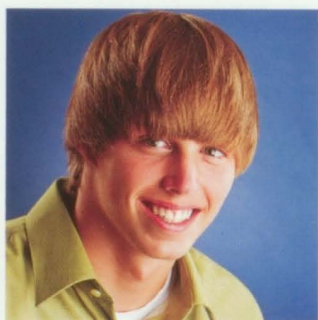
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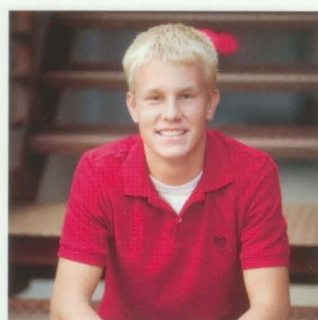
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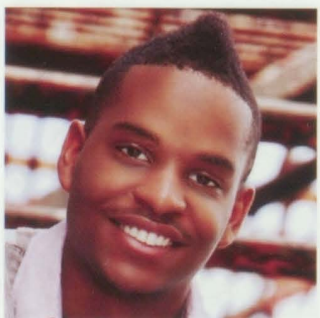
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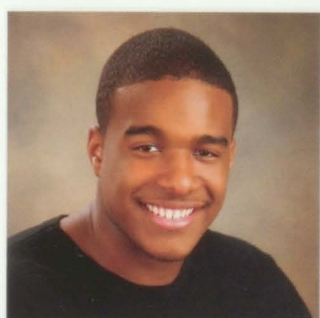
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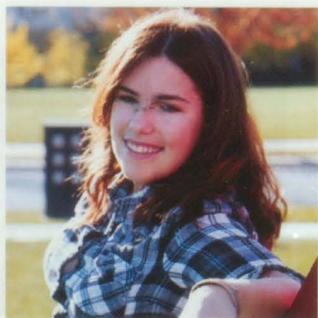
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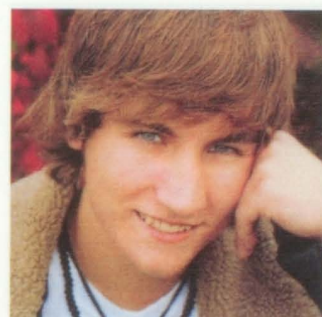
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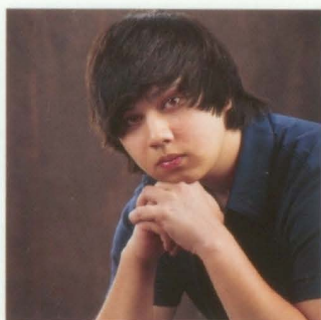
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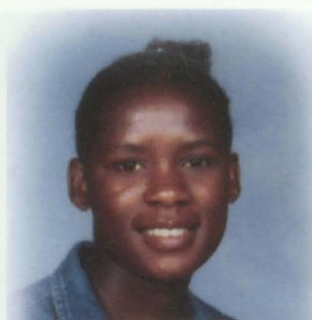
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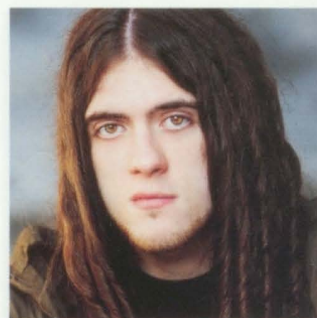
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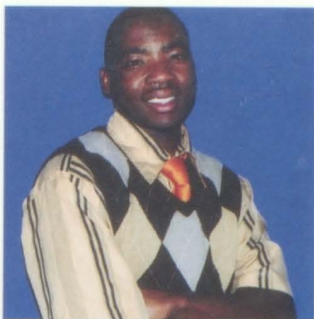
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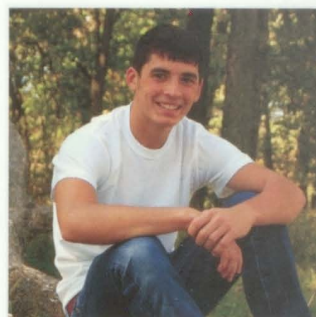
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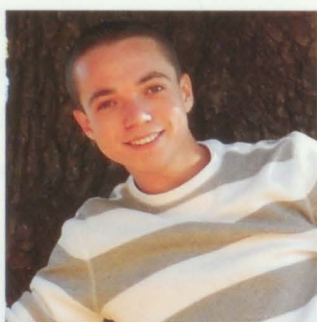
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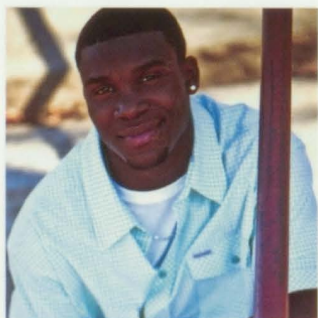
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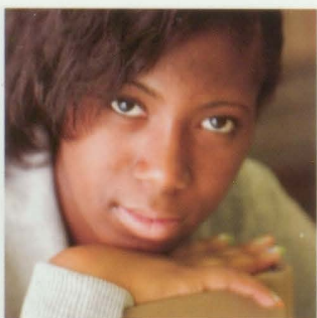
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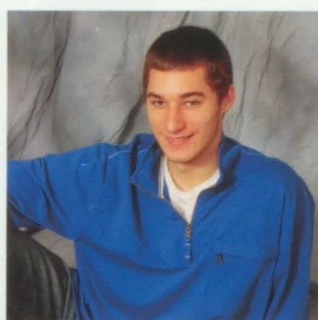
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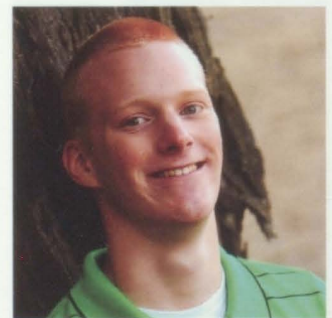
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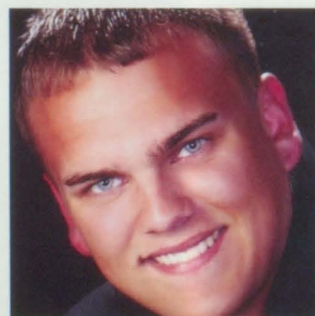
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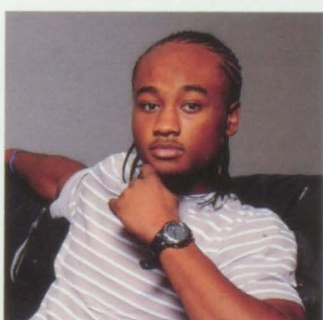
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DeShawn Willis



Shelbi Wilson



Class of 2011

Shomay Akoli
Luis Altamirano
Franklin Alvarenga
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Toyi Athanasa
Enes Bajrektarevic
Shayrohn Belle

Christopher Bemisdarfer
Roshonda Bouyer
Roshonique Bouyer
Jorge Brito-Zacapala
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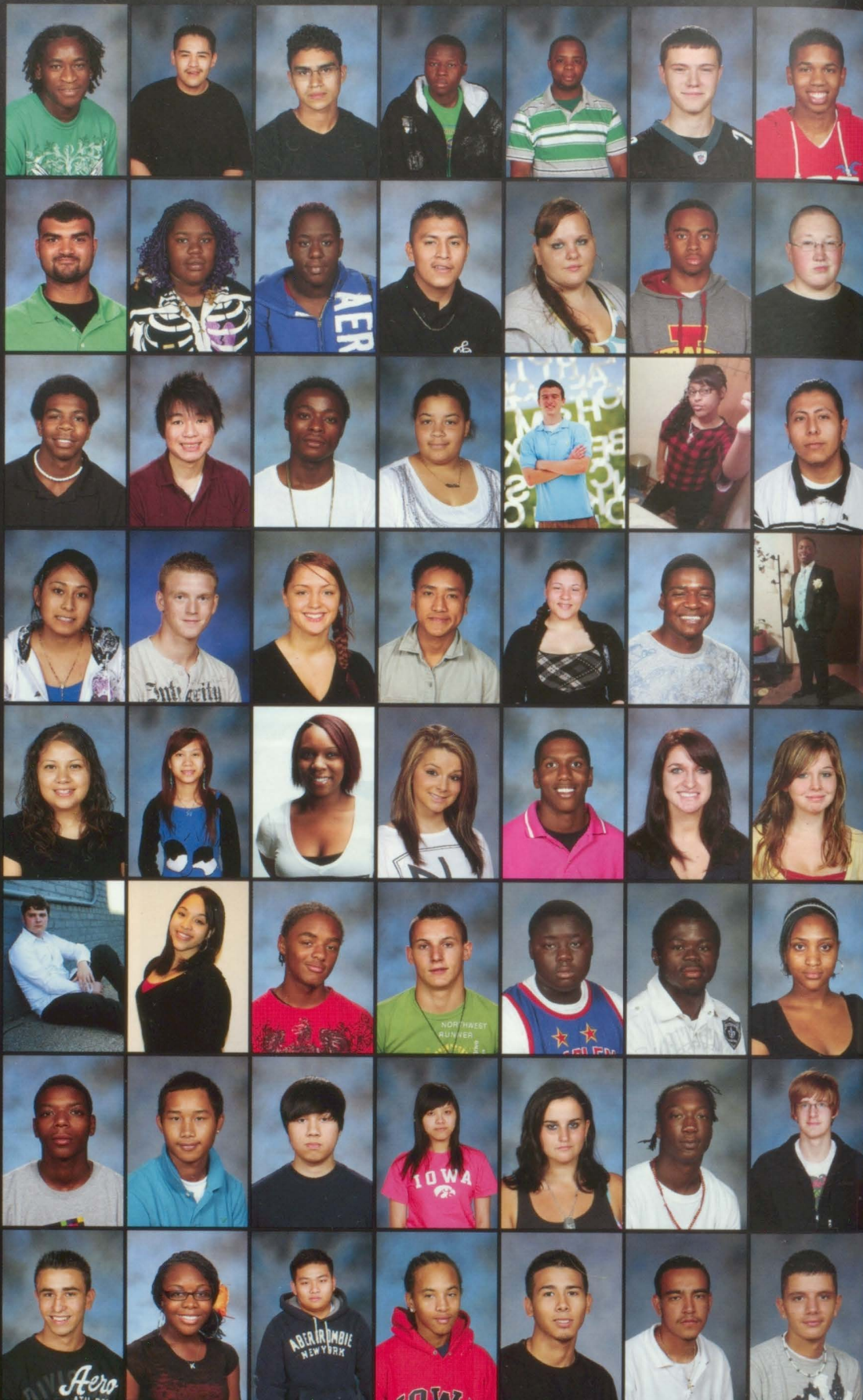
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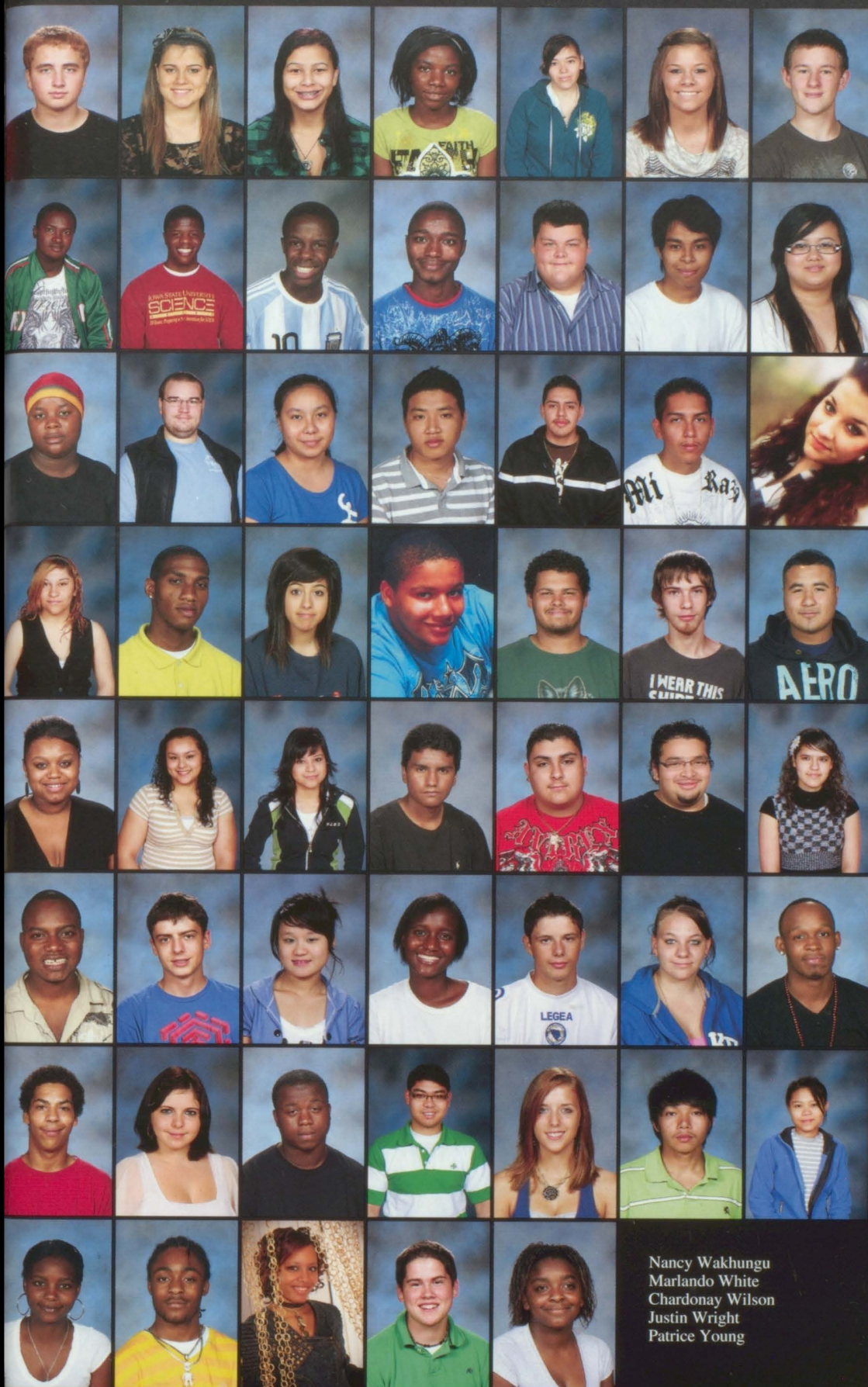
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Mohamed Kamara
Daniel Karr
Oshalla Killings

Cesean Kitchen
Soe Kmaw
Steven Krugler
Huong Le
Tanna Leaf
Tarrice Lee
Timothy Leffler

Nermin Lilic
Krystonna Little
Trieu Ly
James Lyles
Jonathan Macias
Juan Magallon
Edo Masie





Joseph McElvogue
Zeina Mehmedovic
Yashira Mendoza
Goreti Minani
Blanca Montes-Quinones
Amanda Mount
Devon Murray

Hamid Musa
David Mwirichia
Lester Mwirichia
Fabrice Nahimana
Anthony Nelson
Rim Nguyen
Vy Nguyen

Aline Nshimirimana
Derrick Palm
April Paw
Hieu Phung
Mario Pintor
Miguel Pintor
Elisabeta Pirel

Dianna Quinonez-Velasques
Leonidas Reece
Renee Reichenbacher
Ezekiel Richardson
David Rideoutte
Austin Robinson
Lazaro Rocha-Rodriguez

Ta Rena Rodgers
Janeth Rodriguez
Marisol Rodriguez
Genaro Ruiz
Luis Sanchez
Alejandro Sandoval
Jessica Sandoval

Selemani Sibomana
Jerod Smith
Th Lay So
Nduwimana Solange
Hasib Stitkovac
Alexis Streeper
D'quayvion Tate

James Taylor
Briane Thayer
Markette Thomas
Dat Phuc Tran
Amber Trimble
Vinh Truong
Hser Paw Wah

Nancy Wakhungu
Marlando White
Chardonay Wilson
Justin Wright
Patrice Young

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Leighton Chau	Lan Nguyen
Tanarra Gray	Anna Strait
Sharteasha Heard	Marshayla Thompson
Quinton Johnson	Ashley Thorpe
Jacob Larsen	Garrett Vadillo
Terikah Mahaney	Alyssa Vogel
Alexander Nelson	Damir Zahirovic

BABY ADS



MICHAEL BOLEY

Michael-

18 years went by way to fast!
We are all so proud of you. Good
luck in every path you choose-

Love,
Mom, Mark, & Grandma

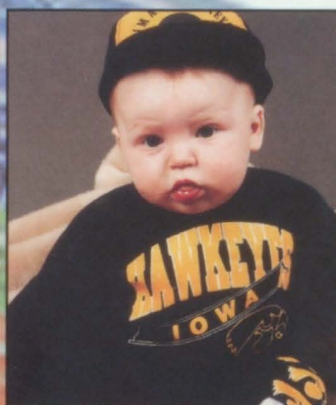


DAKODA BAKKIE

Dakoda,

You truly are a blessing from God.
You have been through a lot. But
you have worked hard, and have
come out a winner. I'm so very
proud of all your achievements,
and i know you will go far.

Love Mom

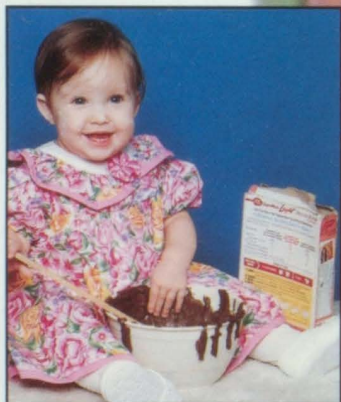


JOSH CURRY

Josh,

13 years of school & 13 years
of TaekwonDo where did the time
go? And now after all your hard
work, you have AGT to look
forward to! We are proud of you
however it turns out! Good Luck!

Love,
Mom, Dad
& Sharena

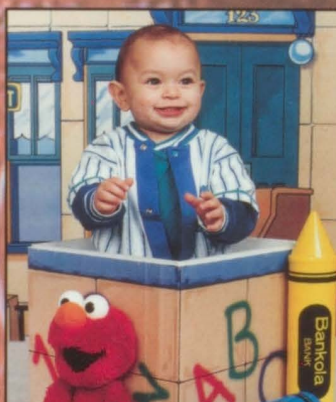


ALYSSA DICKHOFF

Alyssa,

It's been an absolute delight
watching you grow into the
beautiful young lady you've
become- inside and out. We are
all very proud of you and your
accomplishments. Wishing you
continued success.

We Love You!
Dad, Mom and Zach
(Annie too!)



JORDAN HOSKINS

Jordan-

It's hard to believe you're getting ready to
graduate. It seems like just yesterday, we
were being held captive as we watched your
Elmo video tapes for the millionth time! We've
spent countless hours watching you play
baseball.. from the Rookie Rockies to the
Beaverdale Zephyrs & finally the Huskies,
you have become a wonderful player. Your
emergence as a serious student & most
recently an actor has shown that you will
succeed at anything you do. While we're all
going to miss seeing your face everyday, we
look forward to watching you achieve
everything you deserve. We couldn't be more
proud.

We love you!
Dad, Mom, Alyah, Dominique, Grandma and
Uncle Ken



ALYSSA IVANKOVICH

God blessed us with a beautiful
baby girl and already she is a
senior! We wish you a happy and
successful future as you travel the
road of life. We love you so very
much. Congratulations!

Dad, Mom, and Stephanie



KOURTLIN JACKSON

Congratulations KJ on all your accomplishments
this year. We are proud of the youngman you
have developed into and are looking forward to
witnessing you accomplishing many more of your
dreams and goals. Remember to be still and
know, put God first in all your decisions and
always pray on the 5 Ps.

Personal Commitment- committing to yourself to
be the best you can be.

Passion- spending time, energy and focus on
those things that are important to you.

Pride- making sure that you're always delivering
to your highest potential.

Perfection- striving for perfection in all you do.

Positiveness- taking a positive approach to all
things and circumstances.
God Bless,
Your Family- Mom, Dad, Xavier, Avery and
Keenan



KELSEY JESPERSEN

Kelsey,

You're still as amazing now as you were then. You're growing into a wonderful young woman. Thanks for making us so very proud of you.

Dad & Mom

P.S. You'll always be our "pooptwinkle".

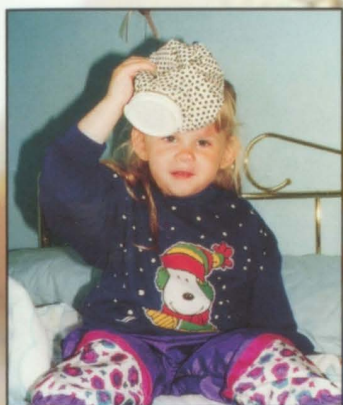


ASHLEY JOHNSON

Ashley,

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Believe in yourself, work hard, and success in the future is yours. Congratulations!

We Love You,
Mom and Dad



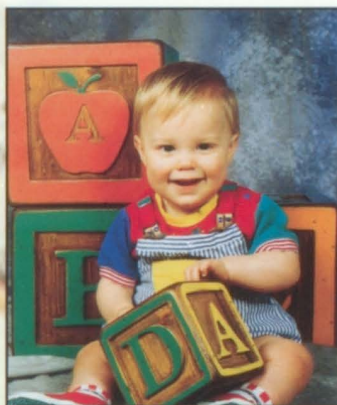
BREANNA KIDDER

Breanna,

It has truly been a joy watching you grow into the young lady you are today. You are a very smart, beautiful & caring daughter. We are very proud of you and wish you the very best in all you do.

We Love You!

Mom and Dad



ZACH KLEVER

Zach,

We are proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You are a responsible, intelligent person. The future is yours, have fun!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Cole and Aunt Missy



ALLAN LYNCH

Allan James Lynch

We have enjoyed watching you grow into a great young man. You have been a wonderful son and older brother!

All our Love,
Mom, Dad and Joe



BEN MARKEY

Ben - you always were such a handsome little guy - and now you've grown into a handsome young man! And so much more - I am so proud of you and the person you are becoming. Keep making good decisions and remember where you came from and you will be just fine. I will miss you so much but I'm excited for you and what comes next. I love you "clear, clear to the sky" Mom



JACKELYN MARTINEZ

Jacky,

You are the inspiration to the family. You are an amazing and wonderful person, we are truly blessed to have you as a daughter. Ever since you were born, you've only made us proud, of all the accomplishments you've made throughout life. Always remember that the bigger you dream, the further you'll get. Congratulations.

Mom, Dad, Hernan



ALYSE MESSA

Alyse,

You always did things your own special way.

Go & change the world

Congratulations

Love,
Dad, Mom, Amber, Colton, Katie & Taylor



SOPHIA MORRIS

Sophie,

You have grown up so fast, Sunshine. I am so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Love you more than 100 buckets of water!

-Dad



ETHAN OLSON

Ethan,

You've grown from under a foot to over 6 feet. We're really proud of you and know that you will succeed in whatever occupation that you choose. Just remember when you come upon any challenges in life, with determination "all things are possible". Never give up.

Love,
Mom and Dad



IAN PIERSON

Ian,

We're proud of all you've done and the person you've become. We love you & wish you happiness and success in all you do wherever you go - we won't be far behind you - just kidding!

Love you,
Mom & Dad



JUSTIN SHAFER

Watching you pass thru the phases of Justin has been quite an experience; you have never ceased to amaze us.

Always remember "be safe and smart" your charisma will take you far but good decisions are the key to your future.

Congratulations!

We love you, Mom & Dad



MALLORY SIMS

From the day you were born, we knew we were blessed. You have grown into a beautiful, loving woman of God. You make us very proud. The future is bright. Seize it! Congratulations on this milestone in your life.

We love you!
Dad & Mom & Aaron



SHIREENA TAYLOR

You have been a blessing to us from day one. We are so proud of all your achievements you've accomplished so far. Continue the faith in God and no obstacles or barriers will ever be in your way.

We love you,
Love, Granny & Dad



HEATHER VOGEL

Heather Nicole Vogel, We are so proud of you! Your smile cheers up everyone who sees it. You have grown into an amazing young woman. This picture reminds us of your humor and not so much your grace (HA-HA) And we know you will do great things in your future.

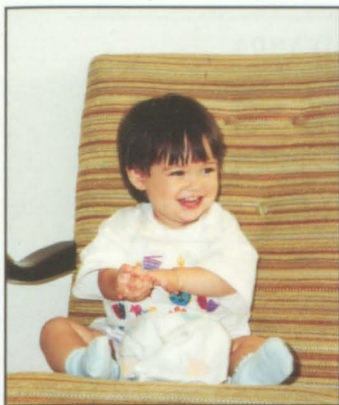
We Love you, Mom & Dad



JOE WILDT

Jofuss,
You've always been my SONshine boy! Loved you even before we met! So proud of you in every way. Can't wait to know the man you will become.

Love ya, Mom



EMILY YOUNG

Emily
It seems like just yesterday you were little. We must be having fun... How else can you explain the time flying by like it has... Congratulations on your senior year. The future brings more independence but also more responsibility. Take pride in your achievements, learn from your mistakes and give your best to everything you do.

Love,
Dad and Mom



SAMANTHA ZEPEDA

You came into our lives and brightened our world. You brought joy to our days, our precious little girl! You gave laughter and love, giggles and tears... Watching you grow brought wonder to our years.

Happy Graduation! from your
PROUD Grandparents



HANNAH BIXBY

Dear Hannah,

I am very proud of you. You have grown up into such a beautiful, intelligent, athletic, gifted young lady. You have a great future ahead of you. I hope all of your dreams come true.

Love Mama Candace



Dear Hannah,

I can't believe you are a senior already! I am lucky to have such a wonderful, sweet niece. May you climb the ladder of success in everything you do.

Love,
Your Aunt Cathy



KIANA ROPPE

To My Dearest Purple Sweater:

As this picture shows, from a very young age you were interested in the fashion world. So much so, that at about this age you proclaimed to us all that you didn't like your name, and that from then on out we were to call you... 'Purple Sweater!' You brought so much joy and entertainment into our lives. Your little sister and I love you, adore you, and know with certainty you will succeed in all you do! You will forever be our Purple Sweater.

We love you!

Mom and Britta



To Our Sweet (mostly) Kiana,

Remember when you were about two and stood up on our end table and pronounced "This is the Day! This is the day all your dreams come true!"? The day our dreams came true was when you were born to our daughter and I got to say "I hope she's just like you!" I got my wish and you've been a wonderful daughter. You kept your Mom on her toes and drove her to distraction at times, just like she did us. We wouldn't change a thing about you.

We love you very much!

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